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Springfield, Jackson County,
November 20, 1843.

Talked much about coming to this territory¹ thro the winter 1842-43, with E. B. Turner,² Lane, Gridley,³ and E. Adams.⁴ In the course of the ensuing summer H. Adams,⁵ Robbins,⁶ Hammond,⁷ Hutchinson,⁸ Hill,⁹ Spaulding,¹⁰

¹The Territory of Iowa.

²Edwin B. Turner (October 2, 1812-July 6, 1895), born at Great Barrington, Mass., Illinois College, Cascade, Colesburg, Yankee Settlement, Iowa, 1843-1854. Morris, Illinois, 1855-1864, superintendent in Missouri, 1864-1876. *Vide* the indexes for the ANNALS of IOWA for references to Turner and the other members of the Iowa Band mentioned here.

³Daniel Lane, born in Leeds, Maine, one of the oldest members of the Band, was said to have been the first to conceive the idea of the group formation and to decide for himself that he was going to Iowa; was located at Keosauqua for the first ten years where it was said that "God Almighty never made a better man than Daniel Lane." At the opening of the college at Davenport he became one of the teachers, was minister of the church at Eddyville, then at Belle Plaine, and after retiring from service at Iowa College lived at Oskaloosa in fellowship with Father Turner until 1882, when he returned to Maine, living at Freeport until his death, April 3, 1890. Gridley did not come to Iowa.

⁴Ephraim Adams (February (—), 1818-November 30, 1907), born at New Ipswich, N. H., came to Iowa with the Band, preached at Mount Pleasant for one year, supplied in Burlington in July 1844 when Mr. Hutchinson returned East to be married, went to Davenport where he remained eleven years and where he assisted in founding Iowa College, removed to Decorah where he preached for fifteen years. For the following ten years he was superintendent of the American Home Missionary Society, the first year for the northern part of Iowa and later for the entire state with headquarters in Waterloo. He was pastor at Eldora for six years and then moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., for a year to live with his sons. He returned to Waterloo in 1889. *Vide* Salter, *The Old People's Psalm and the Golden Wedding of the Rev. Dr. Ephraim Adams and Wife*. Burlington, 1895; also *The Decorah Republican*, December 5, 1907.

⁵Harvey Adams (January 16, 1818-September 23, 1896) was born at Alstead, N. H., came to Iowa with the Band, preached at Farmington, Council Bluffs, returned to Farmington, went to New Hampton, and later Bowen's Prairie where his active ministry closed in 1882.

⁶Alden B. Robbins (February 18, 1817-December 27, 1896), born at Salem, Mass., came to Iowa with the Band, and preached at Muscatine from 1843 to 1896.

⁷William B. Hammond did not come to Iowa.

⁸Horace Hutchinson (August 10, 1817-March 7, 1846), born at Sutton, Mass., came to Iowa with the Band, and preached at Burlington until his death. He was the first of the Band to die.

⁹James J. Hill (May 29, 1815-October 29, 1870), born at Phippsburg, Maine, came to Iowa in 1844 after settling the estate of his father. His first churches in Iowa were Garnavillo, Sodom and Gomorrah, of Clayton County where he said the staple food was "corn-dodgers, bear's meat and wild honey." Later he had pastorates at Indiantown, Green Mountain, Genoa Bluffs, and Fayette. He also had churches at Albany and Savannah, Illinois, and at Blencoe and Hutchinson, Minnesota. From 1865 to 1868 he was agent of the American Home Missionary Association for Iowa, Kansas, and Minnesota.

¹⁰Benjamin A. Spaulding (June 20, 1815-March 31, 1867), born at Billerica, Mass., came to Iowa with the Band, settling near the later towns of Agency, Oskaloosa, Eddyville, and Ottumwa. For several years he was missionary at large. Of a communion season which he held in the old Indian Council House at Agency, September 15, 1844, he wrote: "Here less than two years ago savages were sitting and lying upon the floor, smoking their pipes and singing their songs; now a congregation of Christians are celebrating the dying love of their Redeemer." In April, 1851, he was called to the Ottumwa Church where he remained for twelve years. Later, his health failing, he removed to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for a year, and returned to Ottumwa as superintendent of schools for Wapello County. He was the second of the Band to die. *Vide A Sermon Preached at the Funeral of Rev. Benjamin A. Spaulding*, Ottumwa, Iowa, April 2, 1867, by Rev. William Salter.

Alden¹¹ concluded to come hither. Gridley's poor health constrained him to remain in the East. Hammond and Hill were detained by sickness. Thro the latter half of the summer term we had a weekly prayer meeting in the south end of the Library to implore the Divine direction.¹² Our design was to establish the institutions of the Gospel with all their blessed attendants of learning and refinement, and social progress in this new country and underneath their healthful shade to build up a goodly Commonwealth which should be a kingdom of Christ and to His praise.

The enterprise found favor with man and, I may not doubt with God, for surely never did any undertaking enjoy more smiles from the good or find all circumstances and events more working together to help forward its commencement.

I left home¹³ Oct. 4—visited Niagara, spent the Sabbath Oct. 8 in Buffalo¹⁴ in the family of Rev. A. T. Hopkins. His good family and church comforted and strengthened us in our work.

Sailed for Chicago Oct. 9 at 4 P. M.¹⁵ Prof. Post,¹⁶ who traveled with us, is a man of fine strong powers of mind. He promises to accomplish much benefit for the Western Country. On Saturday 14th. inst. it became evident that we could not reach Chicago before Sabbath morning and hence the question whether we should go ashore at Milwaukie Saturday night. I thought we should be justifiable in going on. But better counsels prevailed and I went ashore—made the acquaintance of Rev'd Stephen Peet—and J. J. Miter—the former the industrious and laborious agent of the A. H. M. S. in

¹¹Ebenezer Alden, born at Randolph, Mass., came to Iowa with the Band, settling at Solon, Tipton (with a church of three members) and returning in 1849 to New England where he found a church in Marshfield, Mass.

¹²The group met on Tuesday evenings in the library of the Andover Theological Seminary where they were students. Vide T. O. Douglass, *The Pilgrims of Iowa* (1911) Chap. IV, and Ephraim Adams, *The Iowa Band* (2nd ed.) Chap. III.

¹³New York City. The place of meeting for the members of the Band was at the Delavan House, a temperance hotel, at Albany. Salter did not arrive there until the evening.

¹⁴They went by train to Buffalo, then the terminus of western railway travel.

¹⁵On the steamer *Missouri*. They touched at Erie, Cleveland, Detroit, Mackinaw, and on October 14, Mr. Salter landed, after a rough voyage, at Milwaukee, not wishing to travel on Sunday. On Monday, October 16, he took a boat for Chicago, arriving there the following day.

¹⁶Rev. Truman Post. Vide Salter, *Sixty Years*, Chap. XXXIV.

Wiskonsan, on whom has been the care of all the churches in that territory and who has done much in bringing about the state of quiet safety and progress in which the cause of Christ there is. He is a man of practical abilities—of strong common sense—very plain in manner and of great influence in Wiskonsan. Mr. Miter (formerly of Knoxville, Ill.) is Pastor of Congregational Church—a student of Dr. Beman and Mr. Kirk. A faithful minister—a good speaker—of popular talent, and much respected.

Mr. Ruel M. Pearson, a New Haven student, traveled in our company—is a very clever man, of strong natural good sense, amiable by nature—of sound mind, and a man of promise. He comes West to preach in Northern Illinois.

At Chicago Oct. 17. Saw Rev'd Mr. Bascom, he is plain in appearance, nothing prepossessing—but I should judge a man of prudence and good sense, said to be a fine preacher.

Rode to Burlington in an open wagon.¹⁷ Spent the Sabbath Oct. 22 in Galesburg and Knoxville. At latter place made the acquaintance of Mr. Charlevoy and family of daughters (friends of Brother Turner and from Kinderhook) and his son in law Mr. West, and of Rev. Mr. Cole who was a Princeton student in Seminary with Cyrus Mason, Henry White and E. N. Kirk. Mr. Cole is of moderate abilities, a moderate abolitionist—rather a stiff Presbyterian. His wife is a good housekeeper.

Was much exhilarated at sight of Mississippi river Monday afternoon Oct. 23rd.¹⁸ The thought of the destinies of men—immortal men—of my country as connected with this great highway of the West—of the use of this river more affected me than did the sight of Niagara. Crossed to this territory Tuesday morning Oct. 24th. 1843.¹⁹ In Burlington enjoyed the hospitalities of

¹⁷Mr. Salter's group, the brethren with wives going to Davenport, secured transportation in the wagons of some Illinois farmers who had come to Chicago to market their wheat, and were returning to their farms with empty wagons. The members of the Band, with the exception of Alden B. Robbins and Daniel Lane who were married and went to Davenport, bought canvas wagon coverings, provisions, and general supplies for the journey to Burlington in Chicago. En route, they were able to purchase a meal of honey, milk, butter, and eggs for twelve and one-half cents. *Vide Adams, op. cit.*, pp. 24-25.

¹⁸They left Galesburg, Illinois, early that morning.

¹⁹Salter and Turner guarded the group's supplies on the Illinois side of the

Mr. J. G. Edwards and wife.²⁰ She was a native of Portsmouth N. H., formerly resident in Boston. Dr. Wisner considered her one of the most efficient members in his church. She is a smart housekeeper, given to hospitality, much interested in the church, of quick perception, close observation, large intelligence, and great benovelence. The Church (Pres.) has been divided, but the field is promising and inviting. Visited Rev. Asa Turner Jr.²¹ at Denmark Oct. 26. He has been a very laborious workman in the West, came to Quincy Ill. some 13 years since, organized many churches in that neighborhood—came to this territory some six years ago and has had charge of the whole territory—is a man of strong natural powers of mind—of flexibleness of character and consequent easiness of adapting himself to circumstances—has great influence among the people which he has gained by identifying himself with them and sharing in their privations and interesting himself in their interests.

With Brother E. B. Turner rode over the Des Moines country. At Farmington is a small church. Its principal members, with whom I became acquainted, are Mr. Houghton and brother, Squire Beckley and wife. Saw Mr. Dulton who has been preaching there this Summer—he was abed with a fever and is rather discouraged. Rode West thro Bonaparte, 6 miles from Farmington, on the Des Moines, a thriving village, some 50 or 60 houses many of them painted white—there are mills on both sides of the River. To the mill at Farmington slaves come from 30 or 40 miles South in Missouri. Lexington two miles farther up the river presented rather a shabby appearance. At Bentonsport called on Mr. Seth Richards (a brother of one of that name in firm Bangs, *Richards* and Platt, N. York). He and his family have been shaking with the ague, his wife (a Miss Gardner) from Enfield, Mass. helped in raising the timbers of a mill belonging to Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Colton. The

Mississippi through the night, while the others crossed to Burlington on the evening of the 23rd.

²⁰Vide Philip D. Jordan. "The Life and Works of James Gardiner Edwards" in *The Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, Vol. XXIII, No. 3, October, 1930.

²¹Vide George F. Magoun, *Asa Turner and His Times*, 1889.

raising was done on cold water principles, 40 or 50 rough looking fellows were present.

Found in a house here a sermon advocating Puseyite doctrines thus scattered to work mischief. Rode on thro Columbus, which has pretty much run down, to Keosauque—the ride along the Des Moines is a most beautiful one and will doubtless be taken for pleasure after 30 years hence. We had some difficulty at times in keeping our road and more scare than danger in crossing the river at night.

Sunday, Oct. 29. At Keosauque found a home with Mr. Haddon—an intelligent gentleman from Indiana. His wife, a smart woman—originally from Virginia, then from Kentucky and Indiana. He is the only pillar in the church there. Saw his son and Mr. Thompson who started off Oct. 31 for Buchanan County where Mr. H. has bought 80 Acres and a mill privilege on the Wapsipinicon. This is one place which is proposed as the seat of the college which is to be established in this territory.

Oct. 30. Rode West to Troy, Davis County. This is on the line of the old purchase—many of the former inhabitants have moved on to the new purchase. Of the church here which last year numbered 29 members no less than 19 have moved away to the New Purchase. I dined with Squire Sam'l Evans; he has a claim on the N. P. and was preparing to move on to it. He is desirous of having what he called "a stiff minister," i. e. smart. His cousin Squire Wm. Evans is the efficient man in the church there. These Evans' were from East Tennessee and were used to good preaching there. I preached at Keosauqua; Rev. Mr. Bell was present and offered prayer for me. He is the most influential and active Preacher of O[ld] School Presbyterianism in the territory, and a moderately smart man, but rather too much of a Sectarist. We rode from Troy to the Old Sac and Fox Indian Agency—crossed the river two miles above Iowaville—broke our axletree in the woods—were troubled and detained—borrowed horses and rode horseback, reached the Indian farm about 9 P. M. Mr. Wilson not at home.

Next morning Oct. 31st, rode to the Agency House. Saw Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Street, and their families. Mrs. S. from Tennessee, a Cumberland Presbyterian, has a "holy horror" of Abolition, has been much afflicted lately by loss of husband and daughter—a little deranged. Visited Wapello's²² grave which is by the side of Gen. Street's.²³ An upright post is placed at his head on which are marked in red paint drawings of a decapitated and a decimated human body signifying that the Chief had slain such and so in battle. Rode that afternoon in the rain to Fairfield where enjoyed the hospitalities of Mrs. Reed. The next day (Nov. 1) to Denmark, where put up with Deacon Isaac Field (from Salem St. Church Boston). He and his wife treated us with the greatest cordiality and kindness. They made us at home. Mr. F. is a very well informed Christian, a correct abolitionist. I was examined for ordination, and ordained by Denmark Association, Sabbath, Nov. 5, 1843.²⁴ Julius A. Reed preached a good popular sermon on the characteristics of a good minister. A. Turner Jr. offered the ordaining prayer.

Monday morning, Nov. 6. The brethren separated—some to the South—some to the West—and others to the North—our parting was sad, yet hopeful. E. Adams to Mt. Pleasant and Trenton in Henry Co., H. Adams, Farmington; Alden, Johnson and Cedar Counties; Hutchinson, Burlington; Lane, Keosauqua; Robbins, Bloomington; Spaulding, Wapello Co.; Turner, Cascade. W. A. Thompson to Davis Co. These locations were all agreed on, tho' some of them not without protracted or anxious thought, in peace and love. If the Pilgrims on board the Speedwell could inscribe on the sails over their heads "God with us" before they had crossed the perilous ocean—surely we having experienced so much of the Divine

²²Chief Wapello (1787-March 15, 1842), *Vide* ANNALS OF IOWA, Third Series, 2: 636-638 for biographical sketch.

²³General Joseph M. Street, for many years Indian agent in the West. *Vide* ANNALS OF IOWA, Third Series, 2: 81-105 for a biographical sketch, and a picture (facing p. 104) of the graves of General Street and Wapello at Agency City.

²⁴The members of the Band ordained were: E. B. Turner, William Salter, E. Alden, Horace Hutchinson, E. Adams, Daniel Lane, and B. A. Spaulding. The Rev. J. H. Reed preached the sermon from Acts 20:28, and the Rev. Asa Turner offered the ordaining prayer. *Vide* Adams, *op. cit.*, Chap. VI.

Favor, can make the same inscription as we set up our banner, being now in the place where we have so long desired to be.

Nov. 6, left Burlington Monday eve; Nov. 7, at Muscatine early Tuesday A. M., where left Robbins and wife; Davenport early Tuesday P. M.

Came up the river²⁵ on the "New Brazil," Cap't Smith, a gentlemanly and intelligent officer. Staid at Davenport Nov. 8, with Rev A. B. Hitchcock. He was a Jacksonville and N. Haven student. Jared Hitchcock took me from Davenport to DeWitt. Spent one night Nov. 9, with Rev. O. Emerson of Clinton Co. He has been an untiring laborer in the Gospel and has nearly worn himself out in journeyings—he is well fitted for this country, having a heart to bear all things—is liked among the people. Reached this place²⁶ Friday night Nov. 10. Board with Mr. Shaw,²⁷ a gentleman who has seen much of the world and is a man of intelligence. His wife is a most quiet—active and amiable woman. Nov. 11. Called on Dr. Effner,²⁸ a mile West of Mr. Shaw's, he is from Pres. Church in Albany, Ill., is gentlemanly and polite, rather stiff in his opinions, to be managed by kindness and by never directly opposing. Rode over to Andrew where preached in Court House on the Sabbath—a log building not tight or comfortable in any respect. Met there Rev. Mr. Littlefield from Apple River, Ill.—has been holding protracted meetings in Andrew, but an unfortunate time as the people were very busy getting in their corn—he seems to be a faithful minister and very faithful in visiting from house to house. In his preaching and measures he is correctly styled by a Methodist woman—"a Methodist Presbyterian." One member in the Methodist church there, a Justice of the Peace, told me that in this country they received "with open arms all minis-

²⁵The Mississippi.

²⁶Maquoketa. It is located on the line between South Fork and Maquoketa townships, on Sections 19, Maquoketa Township, 24-25 South Fork; it is 170 miles west of Chicago, 200 miles from Des Moines, and about midway on a straight line north and south between Davenport and Dubuque.

²⁷John Shaw, of Ellisburgh, New York, moved to Dubuque in 1839, to Bellevue in 1840, and to Maquoketa on June 6, 1842. On November 6, 1835, he married Miss Sophia Fiske, of Oxford, Mass., and Ellisburgh, New York. Mr. Shaw died in 1853, and Mrs. Shaw in 1887.

²⁸Dr. William H. Effner. He had a son, Jerome.

ters, no matter what their tenements were." This was Mr. Hopkins, rather a credulous superstitious and weak-minded man—at the same time a bigamist, having a wife in Ohio and one here. His declaration reminds me of the sermon of Mr. Shinn, a Methodist preacher, whom I heard in Keosauqua the First Sabbath I was in the territory; he told the people about what *King* Samuel said and did.

Last week on Thursday Nov. 16, I took Br. Turner sixteen miles West toward his diocese. Yesterday had some 50 hearers. They were attentive. The prospect of planting a church here does not seem very encouraging. There are within five and six miles on all sides round of me but nine Professors of Religion of Presbyterians (O. and N. School), and Congregationalists, and none of these seem much interested in the undertaking but Mrs. Shaw and Dr. Effner. If the people could only be united one good church might be built up. Be this the subject of my prayers and object of my labors.

Visited Mrs. Nimms last week, member of a church in Alton—a smart active woman, desirous of educating her children; was formerly a Baptist (her parents Presbyterians) her children have not been baptized. Mr. Nimms²⁹ was a professor in New York but in his frequent emigrations, first to New York, then to Illinois and here, has never taken his certificate of church membership. Met there Mr. Livermore³⁰ who lives in the first cabin North of Mr. Shaw's, an infidel tho he only considers himself a Universalist. Lent him Baxter's call;³¹ he promised to read it. Mr. Dorr,³² of Erie Co. New York, commenced teaching school here this day, Nov. 20—he is engaged for 4 months, at 12 dollars a month and board.

There has been a great deal of sickness (ague and bil-

²⁹Eliel Nimms.

³⁰Probably Abraham Livermore. His children, Julia, Abraham, and Laura, attended the old sod-covered Maquoketa school in the winters of 1842-1844. *Vide* James W. Ellis, *History of Jackson County, Iowa*, 2 vols. (1910) 1: 574.

³¹Rev. Richard Baxter, *A Call to the Unconverted*, with an introductory essay by Rev. Thomas Chalmers, D. D., New York. American Tract Society. [18-?]

³²Ebenezer Dorr, who married the daughter of George Earle. He taught two winters, 1843-1844. *Vide* Ellis, *op. cit.*, pp. 569-574.

ious fever) thro the territory this fall owing to the heavy freshets in the spring and early summer.

This has been a very wet fall. The people in the territory are much poorer than ever I before had any idea of.

In the upper part of the territory are more New England and New York People than I found in the Southern part. Formerly in this County were many desperadoes, black legs and horse thieves, but since the mob at Bellevue³³ they have mostly cleared out. In the trial for murder last year of a man³⁴ at Andrew, there were several persons from the East on the Jury—when the murderer's lawyer from Davenport came into Court and saw the character of the jury—"Ah," said he, "there are too many Eastern men for us." And so it proved, for that Jury brought in the murderer guilty and he was executed. Not so sure is it that the Anglo-Saxon race is to build here a good commonwealth as it is that if such a state do arise and shine here the work will have to be done in the main by Novo Anglo-Saxon men.

Saturday night Dec. 2. Here ends a hard week of labor, yet the Lord has strengthened me. Have rode some 85 miles this week and visited thirty families. Thursday Nov. 30 we observed as a day of Thanksgiving. Preached from Ps 105:1.³⁵ Sunday had a meeting of those who will unite in forming the Church here. They were equally divided on the question of the form of government. The Methodist Preacher on this circuit (Mr. Walker)³⁶ has an unfortunate practice of using the plural for singular. Thus on last Sabbath he told the people here, "Brethren, pray for each others goods, labor for each others goods."

Was encouraged by a prospect of forming a church about six miles below Bellevue this Winter. Saw there Mrs. Reed. She was brought up in the Episcopal Church.

³³A long series of Bellevue crimes, committed by Brown's Gang, was brought to a close April 1, 1840, when forty citizens under the command of Colonel Thomas Cox, after a gun fight, broke up the gang. Some were killed, others whipped, and but few indicted. Later some persons protested against this display of rough frontier justice, but in the main, the citizens of Bellevue approved this method of justice. *Vide Ellis, op. cit.*, pp. 403-475.

³⁴Joseph T. Jackson, who was tried and found guilty in Andrew of the murder of Xenophon Perkins, and hanged July 15, 1842. *Vide Ellis, op. cit.*, pp. 223-227.

³⁵Psalms 105:1. O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people.

³⁶Rev. John Walker.

Her husband (died in August) was for twenty-five years an elder in a Presbyterian church in the North of Ireland. They lived in this country two or three years, and saw but one Presbyterian minister. He died and was buried uncomforted and unhonored by any Clergyman.

Tuesday Dec. 12. Visited today Mrs. Decker,³⁷ one mile South of Mr. McCloy's. Mr. and Mrs. D. are Baptists, experienced religion some eight years since in Western New York. Mr. D. united with the Baptist church here. Mrs. D. refused to unite because the church received those who trafficked in ardent spirits, viz. Mr. Taylor. Visited Mr. Dunham, a native of Windsor, Berkshire Co., Mass. His grandfather was a minister at Martha's Vineyard. Mr. D. moved to Southern Illinois near Vandalia when a young man and has become a thorough Sucker. Knew there Rev'd. Mr. Ellis, one of the Founders of Illinois College. Mr. E. was at his house frequently. Mr. D. lives a mile East of Mr. Decker's. Was a widower with three or four children and married a widow with as many—is a man of good natural powers of mind not much improved—sceptical as to the Divinity of Christ. Visited yesterday Mr. Alvin Fairbrother,³⁸ bee-keeper; he is awakened—has been a careless man, Sabbath breaker; has kept bad company but desires to be and do better. Yet having lived in much ignorance sees things as yet darkly. The inconsistent lives of professors is a great stumbling block in his way. Also visited Mr. Estabrook, a mile and a half Northeast of Mr. F. Mr. and Mrs. E. were natives of New Hampshire but lived in Vermont. Mrs. E. brought up a Baptist. Mr. E. a Universalist; Restorationist; not well informed on religious subjects, a generally intelligent man. They have a daughter, Laura, who has been sick and nearly helpless from childhood. She professes sweet resignation to the Divine Will, exercises patience and says her afflictions have weaned her from earth and led her to seek the treasures in heaven; appointed for her benefit a meeting

³⁷Mrs. Levi Decker.

³⁸Alvin Fairbrother. *Vide* Western Historical Company, *The History of Jackson County, Iowa* (1879), p. 644.

at her house, Jan. 2; promised to lend her the Saint's Rest.

Brothers Turner, Emerson, Robbins, and Mr. Hitchcock of Davenport were here last week to form an Association for Northern Iowa. I endeavored in adopting a Constitution to give the Association the powers of a Presbytery in accordance with the plan of Union, recommended by General Association of Committee and by General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, so that the church here and others might come under its care—but Congregational Counsels were too strong and bore rule. I, however, succeeded in accomplishing the result desired by inducing the Association to pass a Resolution to take Presbyterian churches under its care. Mr. Holbrook and myself were appointed Committee to report at next meeting on Catechetical Instruction.

The ministers preached to attentive audiences to as many as our house could hold.

On Sabbath Dec. 10 the church was constituted, Dr. Effner and Mr. Thomas Flathers set apart as Elders, to continue in office two years—the little flock consists of seven—the Lord's Supper administered.

Most every impenitent man with whom I have conversed on Religion speaks of the inconsistent lives of church members.

Dec. 15. Br. Emerson preached here 13th. inst. on Repentance; the evening was dark but some 30 present. Br. E. is native of Lynnfield, Mass.; his father a deacon in Baptist church in North Reading and was educated at Phillip's Academy, Andover, (a beneficiary of Am. Education Society), at Waterville College and Lane Seminary; his lungs are diseased, had a bad cough in the East of which he is rid out here; yet complained yesterday morning an hour before day of severe pain in his side and expressed desire to get up thinking that setting up would relieve him. He said he would get up and *read*. I got up and made him a fire and he obtained relief. He rides over too great an extent of country. He thinks he

might live longer by going South, but s'd not accomplish so much there and stays here.

Visited yesterday Mr. Wendall 2 miles South, he is a German, brought up a Lutheran, baptized and confirmed—has been in America 20 years. Lived in Pennsylvania—has not been connected with any church in this country—says he believes in Christianity; loves money too much, is a kind of pedlar. His wife was several years ago a Methodist for 8 years, but being dissatisfied with some of the members and unwilling to fellowship, she withdrew. Mr. Rathburn, her brother, is a Professor (Methodist) in Penn.

Called on Mr. David Bentley. His wife was a smart woman—a large family. Has been so much engrossed in this life that they think little of the next. Mrs. Alfred Wright, a sister of Mr. Bentley, is a clever woman. Called at Mr. Sam'l. Wright's, his father, who lives with him, is 68 years old, an intelligent man, was trustee of the Presbyterian church in New York state. Thinks he is not good enough to join the church. Called on Mrs. John Riggs—she was (also her husband) brought up mainly in Presbyterian church in Western New York, Ontario County—thinks she experienced religion about three years since—her mind was led to consider by the burning to death of a neighbor's child; has been careless since; says her husband, brought up in Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y. (gone this Winter to Arkansas and N. Orleans) experienced Religion when aged 17. Called on Mr. Nimms; his wife a sister of Mr. Goodenow.³⁹

Dec. 14. visited Miss Nickerson's⁴⁰ school, has 20 scholars—the furniture of the room is little and uncomfortable—scholars backward. She receives six dollars and board per month. Preached in the evening on the nature, reason of the necessity, and means of regeneration—had 30 hearers. Am somewhat troubled for a room, cannot

³⁹John Elliott Goodenow (March 23, 1812-September 3, 1902) was later known as the "Father of Maquoketa." *Vide Ellis, op. cit.*, pp. 351-352 et picture facing p. 348.

⁴⁰Miss Marcie Nickerson, came to Jacksonville from Ticonderoga, New York, with her parents on September 6, 1842, at the age of nineteen. In 1846 she was married to Dr. L. T. Hubbard. *Vide Ellis, op. cit.*, 2: 227-228 for biographical sketch.

study—there is no lumber to make or stove to warm, a room to be had—have no opportunity for secret communion with God unless it be when I am walking or riding alone over the country when the constant necessity of resorting to expedient to keep warm prevents any steady devotion of the mind to Divine things.

Dec. 16. Organized last evening a society for the support of the church here. Mr. Flathers staid with me last night. He was a native of Kentucky, moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana, could neither read nor write when he was 20 years old—had a desire for knowledge—went to school and prepared for College—entered Wabash College with the ministry in view, but this want of means ever necessitated to give up study.

Dec. 29. Monday of last week (18th) went to Andrew and Deacon Cotton's.⁴¹ Tuesday morning started off afoot thro the ravine South West Deacon C's. Visited Mr. Smith on the West side of Farmer's creek; he is from Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois, 7 miles West of Galena on the Mississippi, brought up a Baptist but prefers the Methodist; the dissensions of Christians his excuse for neglecting Religion; his house is 3 miles West of Mr. Sawtell's and 4 S. W. of Deacon C's. He warned me of his next neighbor as an intemperate scoffing man, and advised me not to speak with him on religious subjects lest I should be put out of his house. 2 miles N. W. is Mr. Millsass. He is from Kentucky and Missouri. Found him in bed thro intoxication and sickness; he was in a neighbor's one morning when a minister was present. He used some profane expression in speaking of the coldness of the weather for which the clergyman rebuked him when with an horrible oath he threatened to throw him into the fire if he spoke another word. I inquired my road and passed on. Mat. 7:6.⁴² Mr. Simms is 3 miles W. over a broken and romantic country.

⁴¹Deacon Samuel Cotton, a descendant of John Cotton, the first minister of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Cotton was of the Bemis family, from "Bemis Heights," Saratoga, New York. Their house was six miles north of Andrew. *Vide* Salter, *Sixty Years*, p. 263.

⁴²Matthew 7:6. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

I stopped on my way thro Rocky Hollow to wonder at the roughness and cumbrous and uncouth shape of the rocks. Mr. S. was not at home being up on the little Maquoketa at Sage's Mill;⁴³ his wife a fine open sociable and easy womna. They are Scotch; Mr. S. from church in Sargo (?) under care of Rev. Jas. Gardner. Mrs. S. from church in Sever (?) under ministry of Rev. George Brewster, Jr.; have been in America some fifteen years, first in Pennsylvania when they were in Port Carbon and sat under the ministry of Dr. McCarter. Rev. Mr. Brewster, above mentioned, is a brother of Sir David Brewster. Mrs. S. told me she had heard Dr. Chalmers, Andrew Thompson and Edward Irving preach. Mrs. S's father was a ruling elder, and she has a brother in law a minister (Mr. Richardson). She loves a little Scotch mirth and complains that we discountenance song singing and dancing; has a large log house unfloored in which I preached. Mr. S. has trouble about a claim with Mr. Alexander, who lives a short distance north. Mr. A. and his wife are members of the church in Dubuque. He is a carpenter by trade and mostly away from home. They are Scotch people—have an interesting family of children. Their two eldest daughters were at school of Sisters of Charity⁴⁴ in Dubuque this summer. Mrs. S. says there was no other school to which she could have sent her daughters, and what could I reply to this. The scholars address their teachers as "Sisters." I mourn much over the strife about a claim between these two families. They are the only Presbyterian families in that section for many miles and they divided. Returning to Deacon C's I waded Farmer's creek, taking off my boots and stockings; my feet were chilled for the moment (Dec. 20) but I soon made them warm by running.

Dec. 21. Saw Mr. Potter from Tete Des Morts; thinks he has experienced religion. Dec. 22—found it my melancholy duty to attend to a case in which the discipline of the church is required; Mrs. Van Dolen, 3 miles E. & N.

⁴³For a description and discussion of Jackson County grist mills *vide* Ellis, *op. cit.*, pp. 355-359.

⁴⁴This school, as well as other Catholic organizations in the region, was under the jurisdiction of the Rt. Rev. Mathias Loras.

of Mr. Butterworth's, acknowledges her guilt, but is undecided whether to make a confession before the church. I fear her heart is not right, but God is the judge. After long and painful conversation she finally concluded to come before the church, acknowledging and repenting her sin; prayed with her; went to see her husband at the saw mill—told him what I had done, he said if he had been in the house he should have turned me out. I looked him in the face, he seemed ashamed of his threat and I told him I would call and see his wife again. Evil communications corrupt good manners. How true in the family relation; he says if his wife makes a confession he shall leave her. Called at Dr. Clark's; Mrs. C. from N[ew] London Co. Conn't., well brought up. Called on Mr. Macaulay, an O[ld] S[chool] Presbyterian from North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, and Wisconsin; his wife from Kentucky. He is by trade a carpenter, by profession a lawyer.

Called on Mrs. Glenn, next house W. of court house—brought up to use tokens and tables at Lord's Supper, and thinks she cannot commune without them; hope by kindness she may be won over. John G. Nealus called in while we were at supper. He is from 30 miles W. of Philadelphia; left home when 13 yrs. old with his parents consent—now aged 17—has the monomania of going over the whole world and then writing a book like Peter Parley, Capt. Cook and the like. He has a wonderful memory, never forgets, and consequently does not need to take any pencillings by the way—he travels afoot—*says* he never gets tired for he knows how to travel—believes in Presbyterianism—his father an Irish Papist—knows a little Latin and Greek and has learned the Hebrew alphabet from Ps. 119:—⁴⁵ Rode to Bellevue from Mr. Rowland Cotton's⁴⁶ (Dec. 23) in three hours and a quarter. Called at Mr. Dyas' a mile below Bellevue; has been in the West 17 years—in the mines—lived near Galena when there was but one or two houses there

⁴⁵Psalms 119, beginning: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

⁴⁶Deacon Cotton's son.

—his was the first family which settled in Jackson Co.—originally from Ireland near Dublin where he was in an Episcopal church —now Methodists whom they joined because there was no other meeting or church in this county; his wife a smart intelligent woman—much of a lady in her manners and appearance—well read; have a fine family of sons, industrious, and most of them pious.

Preached in Bellevue to an attentive audience of 60. Mr. Walker has been laboring thro the last fortnight and says he intends to convert B[ellevue]. Found a very interesting audience assembled at Mr. Alex Reed's. I know not that anything has so much cheered me since I came to this County as did my finding there some 50 waiting to hear the word of the Lord—a thrill of exultation and of gratitude to God that there were such here, went thro me. In B[ellevue] I saw Mr. Sharp; his father in law is an Episcopal Minister and he a member of the Episcopal Church in Galena; is willing to unite in a Presbyterian church in B[ellevue] and wished me to come and preach. Saw Mr. Halladay who was of Church of Scotland—has a turning mill 2 miles below B[ellevue], a well instructed Calvinist. Mr. Lewis, merchant in B[ellevue] expressed a readiness to contribute to my support if I would preach in B[ellevue]. Mr. Dyas says when Mr. Kent came to Galena there was no one there that sympathized with him or would take him to their homes. He went to tavern and boarded; consulted Mrs. Dyas as to what he had best do; she told him to go to preaching.

Sunday evening walked in company with Mr. Robert Reed to Mr. Worthington's house 3 miles W. up on the South side of the bottom to see Robert Caldwell, aged about 21, dangerously sick of inflammation of the bowels. After my preaching at Alex Reed's a brother of the young man came to me, told me his brother was very sick and desired me to come up that evening. It was a dark and disagreeable night—found the young man in great distress. . . . His mother and sisters were sitting by; took my seat by his bed side, inquired as to the pain and de-

sired him to tell me the state of his mind. Said he was a sinner and hardly dared to hope in the forgiveness of God, but trusted in the Saviour and desired to be resigned to the will of the Lord. He spoke with great grief and deep emotion of leaving his parents, of his being among strangers in a strange land, and of his having neglected in health preparation for death—his utterance was low and indistinct. I inquired particularly in relation to the foundation of his confidence which he declared to be J[esus] C[hrist] in relation to his guilt and danger in having neglected religion which he now saw to have been a great sin. I endeavored to fix his thoughts on the rock of ages; his friends and himself had given up all expectations of recovery. I asked him what advice he would give to the young—he said to prepare for death.

I visited him again on Monday and regretted that if he is to die I could not be nigh to close his eyes and perform the Christian rites of burial, but my engagements called me to Bellevue, Andrew and this place. He came to this country some two years since a rugged lad—made a claim and has worked hard—had the fever last summer and recovered, but imprudent exposure brought a relapse and inflammation set in. Here he has been deprived of religious privileges and became thoughtless. His parents were pious and had instructed him aright. They came on this fall (from Armstrong Co. Penn.). On his sick, and perhaps dying bed their instructions lead him to Christ and give him peace and hope. O the value of Christian nurture. His parents were from N[orth] of Ireland—have been in Penn. over 20 years. According to last accounts I have from the young man he was exhorting all who came to see him to repent and prepare for death now. O that his young companions might hear and obey. Mr. David Young was at meeting—he is an Abolitionist from Penn.—prefers a Congregational Church. I trust the Lord has sent him here to build up and bless society; seems to be a warm hearted man—some of his children are pious.

Visited (Dec. 25) Gen'l Cabbage⁴⁷ 4 miles S. W. of Robert Reed's—came to the West in 1829 originally from Delaware (his wife divorced from him) was a sub Indian agent in Illinois—taken prisoner by Sac Indians at their village on Rock River, condemned to death—they kept him 8 months—he was ransomed by the Winnebagoes—has a monomania for hating foreigners, Papists, and other Irish; is of gentlemanly appearance. Spent some of my time with Mr. Robert Reed, a son of Widow Reed (see entry Dec. 2); an intelligent clever young man aged 26, amiable and kind and open hearted, full of sprightliness; was formerly deputy sheriff—had charge of Jackson.⁴⁸ Says he kept him mostly in a private house, Butterworth's, without bars or bolts. Mrs. Reed was very sick last fall; during her recovery she took great delight in singing Ps. 116.⁴⁹ Her son Wm. is a likely young man, but has not enjoyed good advantages in this country—Catherine a smart and affectionate girl.

Two Papists (Mr. Rathaleen, Mr. Roach,) came to my preaching on Sabbath after sermon was over. They had mistaken the time. Mr. R[athaleen] had heard there had been a good sermon. He said to me "he was devilish sorry he had not come earlier for he wanted to hear a good sermon." Dec. 26. Riding up to B[elleveue] I came by Mr. Herrington's. It was most night. It snowed and was very slippery. I was in so much of a hurry that I had not time to get off my horse and lead him—the path was very narrow and sideling. My horse stumbled and threw me. I rolled right under him. He got up on his legs but I was afraid to stir for fear I should frighten him and he step on me, but I made a desperate effort and succeeded. Mean never to be in so much of a hurry as not to be prudent.

Spent a night with Mr. Gammal—he is from Pennsylv-

⁴⁷General George Cabbage. He had been clerk to Felix St. Vrain, United States agent for the Sacs and Foxes. He taught the first school in Dubuque, was doorkeeper of the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory at Belmont, 1836, and was one of the commissioners to lay out Dubuque, Burlington, and other towns, 1837-1838.

⁴⁸Joseph T. Jackson. *Vide* footnote 34.

⁴⁹Psalms 116, beginning: I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

vania—an abolitionist tho' rather ultra—his wife a Quakeress—his parents from Paisley, Scotland, and brought up in Pres. church. He is building a flouring mill in company with Mr. Potter (a deist). The hypocrisy of professors [is] his excuse for neglecting Religion and not professing Christ. Mrs. Means, his sister, lost her husband this fall. She has three small bright children.

Jan. 1, 1844. Thanks for mercies past and trust for days to come. The year has commenced with a severe storm, so severe that I judge it imprudent and unwise to ride to my appointment at county seat tonight. This I much regret as it will be my first failure of meeting my appointments. I made the appointment because the Probate Court and County Commissioners were to meet there this day and there would be a gathering from different parts of the county—all my other evenings this week are engaged.

At Bellevue made the acquaintance of Mr. Foley,⁵⁰ member of House of Representatives from this County—a gentlemanly man—Irish—has been in [the] West 15 or 20 years—a tailor and miner—lived in Galena where [he] was sheriff, and Dubuque. A decided Papist. Col. Cox,⁵¹ member of Council from this district, originally from Kentucky—lived in Illinois—was engaged in taking first census of what is now that State when it had but two Counties and 6000 inhabitants. He is a profane man—drinks—was at the head of the Bellevue mob and intoxicated at the time.

Found it my melancholy duty to investigate case of Mr. McCloy⁵² accused by general rumor of intemperance. Called on him—said he drank wine at Dubuque and whiskey at Andrew and because he was wet and exposed

⁵⁰John Foley, from Jackson County, member of the Sixth Legislative Assembly, and sometime Bellevue postmaster.

⁵¹Colonel Thomas Cox (*vide* footnote 33) has been the subject of a controversy since the "Bellevue War." However, it now appears that Mr. Salter erred in his statement that Col. Cox was intoxicated when he led the group of citizens which put an end to "Brown's Gang," although it is evident that the "dominant will" of Col. Cox was responsible for the killings. *Vide* Ellis, *op. cit.*, p. 475. For a biographical sketch of Col. Cox, *vide* ANNALS OF IOWA, Third Series, 7: 241.

⁵²Joseph McCloy. *Vide* Western Historical Company. *The History of Jackson County, Iowa* (1879), p. 635.

and judged it necessary, denies he was intoxicated—requested him to appear before the session which he did yesterday. Said he thought the session was going beyond the bounds of its duty and expressed an unwillingness to go into an examination. Session adjourned for further consideration to Thursday eve.

On Dec. 20 visited in the Forks. Mr. Lawless, a kind generous man—converted some three years ago—formerly lived in the mines and originally from Kentucky. Preached at Mrs. Van Horn's—take the first left hand track after crossing the creek beyond Mr. Daniel's. She was from Ohio and lately from Parkhurst—has an interesting family. Her eldest daughter is serious—her eldest son a cooper and clever young man. Mr. Curtis from Lytel's creek was at the preaching—originally from North of England—has not heard a sermon before in eight years.

The mail today brought me letters from Brothers Hitchcock and Emerson requesting me to come and labor with them in a protracted meeting on [the] 2nd Sabbath in January—but my engagements elsewhere prevent—the Lord send us more laborers.

Jan. 3. Severe N[orth] West snowstorm yesterday. Preached at Mr. Estabrook's (see entry of Dec. 12) ; Miss Laura Estabrook has not heard a sermon before since she came into [the] Territory—was very feeble and abed. Mr. E[stabrook] supposes that all will be punished in another world more or less and all sometime or other made happy. He argues this from death of † [Christ] for all. Miss Marietta is seriously inclined—seems to understand the Gospel.

Jan. 4. Visited yesterday at Mr. Wilkin's (from Canada.) His wife a daughter of old Mr. Stimpson, Methodist preacher at Lyons. At Jeff [?] Wilson's saw Mr. Current—he is a deist—a man of naturally good parts—educated in Methodist church—of pleasant disposition—active mind. I asked him to come to my preaching—he said no—after some conversation he remarked that he should like to give me some contradictory (as he thought)

texts to preach on. I told him I should be glad to preach on them and would do so at his house—he rather shrank from this latter part, but finally consented to it.

Called on old Mr. Wilson who is favorably disposed to our church—was a Methodist many years in Canada, but is dissatisfied in consequence of division there. Seems an upright Christian man—has some gift in prayer. Old Mr. Chandler is kindly disposed towards us.

Mrs. Alfred Wright is [a] Methodist professor and seems a clever woman—is a sister of Mr. Bentley.

Church Session met this evening. Mr. McCloy professed penitence and promised entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks. We were in fear of worse things—but the Lord had (we trust) mercy, and the brethren present (Dr. Effner and Mr. Nimms) seemed much affected.

Jan. 10. Had anticipated going to Cascade yesterday—but am prevented. Spent Sabbath night with Mr. Glenn. He means to maintain his profession here—has been strictly and correctly brought up as to Christian duties—but having known nothing of Congregationalists is unwilling to unite with the church at Andrew, hoping to have an O[ld] S[chool] Presbyterian Church here. He and his wife [and] six children, their furniture, team, and two horses were brought from Pittsburg to Charleston for 30 dollars—cheap enough and an encouragement to Emigration—returning thither on 8th inst. could not get over the Maquoketa in consequence of the running ice—went down South two miles to Col. Cox's. His sister, wife of James Collins Ellis. *Annals* Jan. 1906, p. 88.⁵³ Mrs. C[ox] originally from Rhode Island whence she came with [her] parents to St. Genevieve, Missouri, when aged 16. Her mother was a Quakeress, a gentle woman—thinks she is a Christian and means to unite with a Church. Has on daughter married, Mrs. Nichols—two daughters, Cordelia and Mary. Rather an interesting family for this country. Their

⁵³An interlinear insertion made later by Wm. Salter.

son, Thomas, is a genuine Sucker.⁵⁴ Simon Boliva, aged 12, a pleasant boy. Monday morning returned to Doane's and after great difficulty succeeded in getting across.

Jan. 27. I regret that I have no time or opportunity for writing up my journal. The minds of Mrs. Cox and of Miss Eliza Van Horn are both astray on the subject of knowing (by feeling) that their sins are forgiven. The Methodists have instructed them that the evidence of sins forgiven is in *feeling* such to be the fact in their own minds and these being rational intelligent rather than entirely sensitive beings, they not having these feelings have deemed their sins were not forgiven. I have endeavored to show them that the forgiveness of sins is a Divine act consequent upon penitence and faith in Christ, i. e. upon Conversion (Ac. 3:19) and that God performs this act when we repent, and that consequently when we have repented we have reason to believe that God has forgiven our sins. The thought of such a favor should and does naturally awaken gratitude and peace in our minds, but to require this before the Divine forgiveness is exercised is to require the consequent before the existence of its antecedent. Furthermore this doctrine of the Methodists is a dangerous one—as persons (and there are many such) of merely sensitive natures can easily (and especially by contagion) get up such feeling and may be deluded.

Visited DeWitt, 19 miles South and South East. Mr. Loring Wheeler, a native of N[ew] Hampshire, near Keene, his wife of Kentucky (daughter of Mrs. Harrison of Dubuque). She desires to become a Christian—a lady of pleasant manners. Mr W[heeler] is somewhat serious and inquiring about religion. Mr. Bower, Sheriff of the County (a gentlemanly man) says he will be a Christian if he can only have his doubts removed about the truth of the Bible. Was brought up in the Episcopal Church.

⁵⁴The State of Illinois, where Thomas was born, has five sobriquets: the Corn State, Egypt, the Garden of the West, the Prairie State, and the Sucker State. The people are called: Egyptians, Sand-hillers, and Suckers. *Vide* George E. Shankle, *State Names, Seals, Songs, Birds, Flowers, and Other Symbols*, (1934), pp. 112-113.

Mr. Evans in the East edge of the grove N[orth] of DeWitt has his mother living with him—born August 1753—lived in Boston and Cambridge—was a member of Dr. Stillman's church in Boston. Heard Whitfield preach. Her maiden name was Phillips. She frequently saw Washington and the other great men of those days. Saw the British on their way to Concord (1100 of them.) As they passed thro Main Street to Cambridge [she] heard their song (which she repeated to me)

“Yankee doodle dandy
Cornstalk rum and cider brandy,
Stinking gin that's made of rye
So we'll make the Yankees fly.”

The old lady's memory has failed. Her sight and hearing are far gone. She has little remembrance of recent events. Probably the things of the Revolution which she saw made so deep an impression on her mind and she has talked of them so much that they will be the last things to be forgotten by her. I prayed with her—for which she expressed great thanks. Mr. Gowdy, $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of a mile N[orth] of Mr. Evan's originally from [the] North of Ireland where [he] was in [the] Presbyterian church and [also] from Canada, says they are loose in requiring evidence of conversion for admittance to church in Ireland—seems to be a good man, has an interesting family. Thinks the troubles in Canada are by no means finally redressed.

Called on Mr. Oakes' family $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N. W. of Mr. Gowdy's—they are from Maine—lived a few years in Cedar Co. West, but did not enjoy living among old country people.

I hope good will be done in DeWitt. There probably will be eventually there a pleasant village. It has a handsome site.

Feb. 2, 1844. Last Sabbath (Jan 28th) was the coldest day of the winter. Preached to some 20 people at this place.⁵⁵ Monday I moved Westward. Called on

⁵⁵Maquoketa.

Mrs. Blanchard 20 miles west of this. She was a Lovejoy. An intelligent woman from Maine. Has become rather too much westernized. Got some refreshment and fed my horse; when about to move again my horse broke his halter and took the back track. I was in trouble and worry of mind—started off afoot North—and at night reached [the] house of Mr. Nichols (a Methodist from Ohio) [and] lodged with him and the next morning walked five miles to Cascade. Surprised Br. Turner and had a joyful time. He helped me on my way back. Cascade is more of a village than I had anticipated—some 130 inhabitants. Mr. Thomas' house is eligibly situated. His mill⁵⁶ is the best in Northern Iowa. People come there from great distances—saw a man there from 50 miles North in Clayton Co. Mr. Styles,⁵⁷ the Post Master, has been a drunkard—now President of their Temperance Society. Called on Mr. Bangheart $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile South (a Methodist). Took tea at Mr. Meacham's—a mile and $\frac{1}{2}$ North. Saw Mrs. and Miss Cook, genteel ladies for this country. The Lord smiles upon Br. Turner's labors and gives him favor with the people. He organized a Congregational Church of 12 members [on] Jan. 28.

Returning called on Deacon Turner 13 miles South of Cascade. An enterprising and warm hearted Christian. [He] offered 25 dollars towards building a meeting house in Cascade. Mr. Styles married last fall his daughter Mary.

Spent Thursday night with Mr. Solomon Pence; born in Ohio, raised in Indiana, lived in Warren Co., Illinois—was in the employ of [the] Am[erican] Fur Company among the Winnebagoes on Rock River; enjoyed Sucker fare par excellence. His parents were Baptists.

Mrs. Burleson was brought up in [the] Presbyterian Church, Dr. McLeod's, corner of Liberty and Nassau,

⁵⁶Arthur Thomas, together with John Sherman, in 1837 built the first flouring mill in Cascade Township. In that year they also built the first hotel and store.

⁵⁷L. A. Styles taught the first school, it is said, in his home, and in January 1842, when the Cascade post office was established, he was named postmaster. Vide C. Child's *History of Dubuque County, Iowa* (1880), pp. 743-744.

New York; converted when aged 17, has been united with the Methodists.

Feb. 23. Preached at Dubuque Feb. 11. The largest and most respectable congregation I have preached to in the Territory. The church was organized by Mr. Clark. Mrs. Shaw was one of the members at the organization. Mr. Lockwood was one of the most efficient men in erecting their stone church. His wife tinged with perfectionism.⁵⁸ Mr. L[ockwood] was one of the original elders, but becoming unpopular [he] resigned. The church is now governed in a Congregational way, in which state Mr. Holbrook desires it may continue. Mr. Evans, Clerk of the Church, [is] an interesting young man. So [is] Mr. Smith formerly of Dr. Pott's church in St. Louis. Mr. Stuart, a miner, converted under Mr. Holbrook's ministry [is] a devoted Christian. Miss Jack [is] a small hunchback woman formerly of Mr. Duffield's church in Carlisle, Penn., of whom she thinks the world. She is intelligent and smart—lives in a Papal family. Mr. Hill [is] a miner and teacher [and is] Superintendent of the Sabbath School [and comes] from Maine [and is] distantly related to Rev. J. J. Hill. Studied in Gorham Academy with Mr. Robie and Kellogg of my class at Andover. Called on Mrs. Crawford, sister of Mrs. McCloy, a zealous Christian. Took tea with Mrs. Robbins, a widow, keeps boarders. Mrs. Holbrook was a student at Monticello, originally from Conn't., lived in Illinois since a young girl—a smart intelligent woman, but does not seem so happy as could be wished, owing to [the] absence of Mr. H[olbrook]—has a sister with her, Miss Clarke, of Platteville where her parents reside. Her brother, Dr. Clarke, [is] an elder of the church in Platteville. Mr. Holbrook,⁵⁹ formerly of Boston, [of the] firm of Richardson, Lord & Holbrook, Booksellers [was] concerned in the Brattleboro publishing company—[was] unsuccessful in trade, [and] came West. Vide Home Missionary, Vol. 15, p. 56. Mr. R. Cotton tells me that

⁵⁸The doctrine that perfection of moral character is the supreme ethical end, rather than happiness or utilitarian benefit.

⁵⁹Rev. John C. Holbrook. Vide ANNALS OF IOWA, Third Series, 7: 594, 602, 604.

Mr. H[olbrook] spoke at Andrew of his reverses and afflictions as the dealings of God's hand with him to put him into the ministry. Mr. H[olbrook] was ordained by [the] Iowa Association—is of amiable disposition—in his manner manifests a tender gentle Christian spirit, is pointed and plain in preaching—earnest and familiar—heard him at Galena on the reasons why men enter not into the strait gate and on how to obtain a new heart (Ezek. 18:31).⁶⁰ Enforced the sinner's duty with great plainness.

At Galena visited Rev. Aratus Kent (Feb. 7) of plain open honest appearance—found him happy, happy, rejoicing in the outpouring of the Spirit on his Congregation and on sinners being converted. Told him about my difficulties and discouragements—he gave me some account of the state of things in the days of small things in Galena. But he labored on and long—and God has blessed him and crowned his labors with success. He appeared one of the happiest of men—is a man of strong common sense—prudence, and [a] good manager. Preaches written sermons—has the universal confidence and love of his people of Galena and of the country around and [is of] great influence. His wife much like him as to mind and habits. The church has a good body of elders [who are] Mr. Wood, who lives opposite Bellevue, Dr. Newhall, the first physician in the city, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Campbell, [both] school teachers.

Enjoyed the hospitalities of Mr. Hempstead's family, native of Conn't.—but from a boy lived in St. Louis. [He] is an intelligent man. Mrs. H[empstead] one of the earliest members of Mr. Kent's church—a very interesting and lovely woman. [She] has a native and Christian grace in her manners—one of their sons [was] a convert this winter. Visited Mrs. Bradley, her husband now in Cuba for his health [and is] a brother P. B. Bradley of Andrew. She informed me that her husband's brother was a backslider having been a church member in Ridgefield,

⁶⁰Ezekiel 18:31. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart, and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Conn't. and in judgment of the church converted some fifteen years ago when [he] was considered a promising youth—came West [and] took to drink and is almost ruined. Engaged in a sweet season of prayer for him. Mrs. Campbell [is] an interesting woman. Called on Mrs. Fowles, Mrs. Carpenter and her daughter, Mrs. Potts of Charleston and on Mr. Reed.

Three miles North of Galena on Platteville road visited Rev. Jno. Lewis at house of Mr. Stillman. How delightful to shake hands with an old friend here among so many new faces. Bro. Lewis preached at Fairplay and New Diggings, is much encouraged and interested in his work. His wife is a helpmate and well fitted for a Missionary's wife. Bro. L[ewis] visited Savannah and Carrol's mills and thinks them to be an important place for missionary labor. He finds a peculiar charm in preaching among the miners. Drove Feb. 14 from Galena to Mr. Robert Reed's, 16 miles on the river in three hours. There were some cold days in the beginning of February, but has since been milder and is now like Spring.

I hardly know what is my duty in relation to Bellevue. They seem to be reprobates, and yet there are one or two good people who however are inefficient; met there Mr. Rood who came to visit Mrs. Jennings—he lives at Fairplay—elder in church there—brother of Anson and ——— Rood of Gilmantown and Philadelphia—Mr. Anson Herrington was born in Vt., came to Bellevue, 1838, is a high minded man, but proud, too proud to submit to J[esus] C[hrist]. His brother Charles came 1841.

At Andrew Feb. 17 visited Mr. Bradley,⁶¹ he seemed a little affected but I fear sinful habits and companions will destroy his soul—our refuge is the Almighty arm. I sought two opportunities to talk with him faithfully but was on both occasions interrupted by ungodly company.

[The] Jackson County Bible Society met Feb. 19 at Andrew—gave an address for which I received a vote of thanks—was amused and could hardly keep from laughing at the manner in which business was done. Yester-

⁶¹P. B. Bradley. The first hotel building in Andrew was rented to Bradley in 1842.

day I started off to preach for Br. Emerson—got to Deep creek—found the bridge carried away by the flood and the creek high—deeply regretted that I was obliged to return, but have now a day of rest.

Feb. 26. The snow is vanishing rapidly and the streams are high. In consequence of the rise in the South Fork [I] was detained from my appointment at Mrs. Van Horn's. Preached yesterday for the first time this side of the Mississippi a written sermon. It was the first sermon I ever wrote, on "the Wages of Sin"—written nearly three years ago.

Mr. Kent, when I was in Galena week before last, informed me that Mr. Peet⁶² has expressed the desire and intention of getting me into Wisconsin. This was news to me. I hardly know what to think of it. But must abide the future.

Had I any prospects of soon settling in life and were I able, I might be better reconciled to my present privations, for then the hopes of a home and a house of my own would animate and encourage me to endure for the present. Further, my congregations are so very small and they so scattered that my field of usefulness is comparatively small, and this view of the case is especially important when I learn of places that are destitute where I might have regularly from one to two hundred or more hearers. Here I must wait in good manner for the coming in of settlers before I can have hearers of any number. Yesterday, when I had a rather unusually large congregation for this place, there were 18 grown people and 9 children out in the Morning—viz. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and three children, Mr. McCloy, Dr. Effner, Mrs. Nimms, and two children, Mrs. Goodenow and child, Miss Goodenow, old Mr. Clark and wife, Squire Clark and two children, Mr. Wendall, wife and child, Miss Nickerson, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Estabrook, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Ralph Wright, Mr. Mallard, Mr. Earle.⁶³ At the prayer meeting

⁶²Rev. Stephen Peet, agent for the American Home Missionary Society, for Wisconsin Territory. He had previously discouraged Mr. Salter from going West.

⁶³W. Y. Earle. *Vide* Western Historical Company, *The History of Jackson County, Iowa* (1879), p. 626.

in the evening were five grown persons, and but two who would pray, Mr. McCloy and old Mr. Chandler.

In coming to this county I seemed to follow the indications of Providence and have on the whole met with as much success as I could reasonably have anticipated, considering the circumstances of the country.

There appears no prospect of my having this year a study or of my ever getting a place for my books. They lie here in undistinguished yea ignominious obscurity with wheat and crockery & groceries in Mr. Shaw's store. However, I try to be some content—and shall not seek to flee from this field or make any effort to get elsewhere. Providence seemed to send me here and Providence must send me away. As I look at the poverty of my intellectual attainments this winter, my mind cries out "my leanness, my leanness."

Feb. 27. Visited yesterday Mr. Sam'l Wrights. His father, Thomas M. Wright seems a good man but there was some defect in his Christian education. He expresses an interest in my efforts here—was brought up a Presbyterian—has always supported that church—was once on a committee to build a Presbyterian church. Alfred Wrights joined the Methodists ten or twelve years since when he thinks he was converted—has since left them, and lost an interest in Religion—doubtful whether he ever was converted. Appointed a prayer meeting in this settlement tonight—owing to the small number of the church and their distance from one another and from the school house it is very difficult to sustain a prayer meeting—and in every other settlement the difficulties are even greater than they are here.

Feb. 28. A very stormy day which detains me from Charleston where I had engaged to preach with Br. Emerson. Visited yesterday at Dr. Effner's, Mr. Nimms, Mr. Bagley's and Everts (who are moving on to Alfred Clark's place, who is going to Andrew) and Squire Clark's and Mr. Fairbrothers. Squire Clark was one of the first settlers, came in with Phillipps some seven years since from Indiana; has worked too hard and injured his

health—he experienced religion with the Methodists some two years since and generally leads a consistant life tho not a man of much energy or force of character; is about moving to a farm five miles West of Dubuque in order to be nearer market. Found Mr. Fairbrother sick. He has been in wicked company and it is to be feared grieved the Spirit—he subscribed for the Day Spring and paid. Had a prayer meeting last night. Dr. Effner, Mr. Elial Nimms, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Stimson [?] (who has recently come in and made a claim South of old Mr. Wilson's) Mr. Shaw and wife, Mrs. and Miss Goodenow, Squire Clark and wife were out.

Have today been reading Guizot's His[tory] of Civilization in Modern Europe, Ch[apters] 12, 13.⁶⁴ Am much pleased with these chapters—the notes of the American Editor disfigure the margins. They can be of no injury save to the tyro in historical studies—the well-read know differently. His statement of the polity of the primitive church corresponds to what I thought to be the facts in the case and with what I wrote on the subject some year since—vide my notes on the Church.

March 6. Last Friday [I] rode to Deacon Cotton's. The mud was very deep and rough and [I had] hard traveling. Saturday visited Capt. Silsbee's and Mr. Parmaly's. In the afternoon Br. Turner came along. His visit did me [as much] good as a medicine. His labors, trials [and] privations are about the same as mine. Cascade is a rather more promising field than any in this county. He is more patient and contented than I am. Preached for me at Andrew. In [the] evening preached at Capt. Silsbee's. He was in [the] army in the last war. A part of his right arm near the elbow was shot off—he was stationed on the western frontier of N[ew] York—first came this side of the Mississippi with his son in law, Mr. Sawtell. Has a pension—a man of coarse habits, violent temper, yet of some intelligence—hates abolition on which [we] had some discussion—wants Texas

⁶⁴Guizot's, *General History of Civilization in Europe*. There were several American editions, the first appearing in 1838. Mr. Salter may have been using the edition published by D. Appleton, New York, 1842. The occasional notes in this edition were by C. S. Henry, D. D.

and Oregon annexed to the Union and the pride of Britain humbled; is afflicted with a disease of the kidneys. Monday rode to Dubuque with Br. Turner. His company charmed away the hardness of the travel and the dreariness of the prairie. Attended the Monthly Concert, which was made an interesting meeting and a collection of some four dollars was lifted. Made an arrangement with Br. Holbrook to come and hold a sacramental season here with the church the last of this month. Called on Mrs. Lockwood. Mr. L[ockwood] has been an old Indian trader. They have been on the frontier fifteen or twenty years—were some of the first members of the church in Galena, also in Dubuque—have lived at Prairie Du Chien. She is an active Christian and [a] smart lady. Her daughter, Mary, bright but rather too forward. Had appointed preaching for Tuesday evening by Br. Turner at Deacon Cotton's—but the roads [were] so muddy [that] but one person (Mr. Parmaly) came out and we spent the evening in singing. Started this morning for Mrs. Van Horn's but could not get over the north fork—and came hither [and] called on Mrs. Webb (daughter of Mr. Graham four miles North of Bellevue) [who is] from Baltimore and Pittsburgh. She and Mr. W[ebb] are Methodists. Called on Mr. Bradley but he not in. This is the fourth time in which I have called to have a talk with him and been frustrated. Mrs. B[radley] says she wants to serve God and will come out if Mr. B[radley] will. At Mr. Bergh's saw Mr. McGinnis [who was] brought up in the Presbyterian church, Pennsylvania, [he] has lived in [the] mines at Fairplay—was awakened under Br. Holbrook's preaching in winter of 1842-43, but thinks [he] was not converted, is seriously disposed—his wife a Baptist—is making a claim near Trouts. Met Mr. Batten[?] chopping—had a talk about Universalism. [He] lived in N[ew] York and Ohio—finds fault with Election—says he don't come to meeting because his views are spoken against. [I] told him I would preach in a calm way on

Mat. 25:⁶⁵ in relation to which he asked some questions—he engaged to *come*. I have inadvertently given occasion to the people in Doane's Settlement to complain of me in relation to the neighborhood-jealousies between that and this place, by taking some of Mr. Shaw's notices in relation to his road to Andrew. Mr. Mitchell, a mile and [a] half North of Doane's was very severe upon me. I plead not to blame, or if to blame unintentionally so. I hear tonight of Mr. Spaulding on Mineral creek having trouble with Mr. Osborne in relation to a claim. These things making society so unsettled are a great hindrance in the way of planting Gospel institutions.

Steamboats have been up as high as Bellevue. There were two at Davenport last week. The channel is still blocked up at Dubuque. Last Saturday we had six inches of snow which is now all gone. People are burning the prairie.

March 11, 1844. Saturday evening had a prayer meeting here. [There] were present Mr. Shaw and family and Mr. McCloy. Yesterday morning the Methodist circuit Rider took up my appointment here and preached. He used as many plurals and was as much of a Polytheist as ever. Preached last evening on the doctrine of election—but few out viz. Mr. Shaw and family, Mr. Dorr, Mr. Livermore, Mead, Nimms, Fairbrother, Dr. Effner, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Goodenow, and Miss Estabrook. The poverty of the people, [their] want of clothing and of teams and their small number [contribute to] the great difficulty in the way of building a church here.

I preached tonight at Mr. Current's on the objection to Revelation from indecent and seemingly immoral passages in the Bible, an objection urged by Mr. Current.

There was a steamboat (the Iowa) at Dubuque on the 6th inst.

Visited last week at Dr. Effner's, Mr. Montgomery's,

⁶⁵Matthew 25, beginning: Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Dominick's; (he French, she German, both raised in the Papacy; she finds fault with the diversity of sects), Thos. Wrights, [and the] Mitchells. (Mrs. M[itchell] a good Baptist woman; had a season of prayer with her family in which she united; Mr. M[itchell] self-righteous.)

Had a satisfactory explanation with Mr. Doane in relation to the complaint alluded to.

The population of this county increases as rapidly and perhaps more rapidly by births than by emigration.

There are very few females to meeting who have not their infants in their arms.

March 12. Preached last night at Mr. Current's, lent him Nelson's cause and cure on Infidelity.⁶⁶ The night was stormy and of black darkness. Mr. Stimpson, young Mr. Chandler, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Domnick were out. On my return lost the road and wandered on the prairie, but got back safely.

March 15. At preaching at Mr. T. Wright's [there] were present on 12th Mr. Nickerson and son, Mr. Perkins, Sherman, Mallard and four of Liverall's[?] children. Rode from thence to Mrs. Van Horn's via Mr. Shaw's, Doane's Ferry, and the bridge at North Fork Saw Mill, some thirteen miles round while in a direct line the distance was about five miles. At preaching at Mrs. Van Horn's there were out but three of the Mr. Esgates. On the morning of 14th inst. rode with Mr. Jno. Van Horn to the Maquoketa Cave four miles South West of his house. I had heard of the existence of a cave there but had no idea of finding such awful and sublime works of the Almighty hand as I there witnessed. The cave is on the South Dividing ridge in the forks along which runs the road to Cascade. [See p. 68.]

The first object was the bridge—I first passed under this, and was filled with wonder and admiration at the massiveness and solidity of the arch, entirely of

⁶⁶David Nelson, *The Cause and Cure of Infidelity*. Including a Notice of the Author's Unbelief and the Means of his Rescue, by the Rev. David Nelson. M. D. 2nd stereotype ed. cor. by the author. New York. American Tract Society. [184-?]]

rock—at the base I should judge the width to be some thirty feet. The curve in the arch rises very gradually. In the center I should think the height of the arch was about fifteen feet. The creek (which I call Cave creek) passes under this bridge. Having wondered long at this handy work of God I scrambled up the South East side of the bridge and was amazed at the curious shapes and holes of the rocks. I next walked over the bridge which is some fourteen feet wide; each side of the bridge is a precipitous steep.

I next visited the magnificent portico of the cave, one of the grandest works of nature which I ever saw—the solid rock from a height of about 90 feet arches inwards gradually—the entrance to the cave itself is low. I put myself in a little ways, but the water of the creek prevented my going further. I dared not remain long under this awful arch of nature as I saw one massive piece of rock which in a few days had fallen from its old situation and the like of which would crush a mortal to atoms in a moment. I passed down the ravine, went thro another part of the cave under what might also be called a natural bridge—saw other wonders of which I have not time now to write, was surprised and filled with feelings of awe and reverence for the wonder working hand of God. When there I was in a great hurry as I had to preach in the evening at Mr. Doane's and now write in a hurry as I have to preach this evening at Andrew. I must mention however that in returning we amused ourselves by hurling rocks from some of the dizzy heights of the bluffs down into the ravine below. The sound of some of them was not a little like young thunder.

March 25. Preached the sermon referred to (March 6) at Andrew—the man for whom I promised to preach it was not out. Spent that night, March 15th, with Mrs. Hopkins. She experienced religion about two years ago—put up my horse with Mr. Bradley who on being asked for his bill said he would take it in preaching. Rode to Bellevue next day and found my great coat uncomfortably warm—rode thro the fire below Bellevue on way to Mr.

Reed's. It was about dusk—the flames rolled on—the brush cracked—I saw a deer sporting among the fires. The people in the Reed settlement and on the ridge below have raised some hundred dollars towards a meeting house but they are divided about the location. I wish them to contribute their resources to Bellevue but they reasonably complain of the distance and of the neglect of the people in B[ellevue] to meetings.

I have concluded with old Mr. Caldwell (father of the youth mentioned in entry of Dec. 12) for his black mare and saddle and harness for 75 dollars. She is four years old this spring, he recommends her highly as of a good breed—but having tried her I fear I have the worst of the bargain.

Visited Charleston⁶⁷ 21 miles South of Bellevue, four miles this side of C[ascade] at the forks of the road from C[ascade] to Bellevue and to the Forks of Maquoketa.

Called on Mr. Westbrook.⁶⁸ (Came to Iowa 1839.) He [is] an Universalist—an interesting family. The son, Royal, somewhat awakened. The family originally from N[ew] York, but raised mostly in the West.

Visited all the families in Charleston. They are nearly universally from N[ew] York and Maryland. The best settlement in the county. Had as good audiences as I have had anywhere in Jackson Co.

Mr. Leonard⁶⁹ from Griswold (near Norwich) C't. well brought-up—rather a poor manager. His wife a smart active woman, church member, the snares and pleasures of the world have hindered her piety—and his deprivation of religious privileges have caused his leanness. Mrs. Harper, a Methodist, a good and catholic Christian, formerly lived in Davenport. Mr. Marshall⁷⁰ from Goffstown, N[ew] Hampshire, a Universalist and notorious worldling. His wife an interesting woman and would like to be a Christian. She has a sister an instructress in Monticello Female Seminary. Mr. Dominic⁷¹ [is] a candid gentlemanly man, blacksmith, a little tinged with

⁶⁷Now Sabula, Iowa.

⁶⁸James Westbrook.

⁶⁹James Leonard.

⁷⁰Thomas Marshall kept a tavern.

⁷¹James Dominie.

some notions of the Restorationists.⁷² His wife a friendly woman. Mr. Benjamin Hudson,⁷³ came [to the county] in 1838, [was] originally from Lynn, Mass. dislikes Calvinism, rather a weak-minded man—was once intemperate. Mrs. H[udson] a devoted woman and friendly. Had a prayer meeting in her house. I saw several steamboats passing up and down, a noble and exhilarating sight. While looking at the "Iowa" and engaged in conversation with a gentleman, a gray headed man who had learned that I was from N[ew] York asked me if I knew Joseph McElroy. I inquired in relation to the business and character of the man and found he meant Dr. McElroy of Grand St[reet] Presbyterian Church. I told him I had several times heard him preach—"He's my brother," said the stranger. I looked up and thought I could see some resemblance in features and general appearance between the two. I made some particular inquiries and learned he had not seen his brother for 30 years or heard of him for four years. His name [is] Hugh McElroy—has a large family of some eight children, nine miles S[outh] of Charleston in Clinton County. [He] lost a daughter last year. He wished me to write his brother urging him to write to him—which I promised to do.

Saw a young man named Jones who had lived in Portsmouth several years and knew my relatives there. He was much reduced by bad habits and by intemperance.

Returning from Charleston—visited in the Buckeye or Swaney Settlement on Copper creek. They have a good school house. Mr. Bixley and family were Lutherans in Ohio. His wife desired I would baptize her children. Heard a report that there were some Presbyterian families in the settlement. Rode off two miles to their homes [and] found one a Universalist and another a Baptist.

Visited on Rock creek this side of Deep creek Mr. Reed's family. They had been much afflicted since they came into this County. In Pennsylvania they lost their house by fire, and pride that would not allow them to live

⁷²The doctrine of those who believe in a temporary future punishment and a final restoration of all to the favor and presence of God.

⁷³Benjamin Hudson in 1843 lived in a small shanty on a few acres of broken land on Section 24, 84-6.

in humble circumstances sent them West. Mrs. R[eed] died on the journey as did some of the grandchildren. Poverty has rubbed them sore here, tho the world has not known it. They lost their crop last year by the June freshet. Mr. R[eed] was of Seceder church [and] his wife of Old School Presbyterian. Spent the night with them. Next day [I] had a dreary ride over burnt and barren prairies—the very image of loneliness, it suggested to me the thought of the dreadfulness of the condition of that man who had no friend. An eagle was flying in the distance, and upon discerning me came and floated directly over my head. I confess to a little sense of fear or not so much of fear as of an indescribable sense of [sentence not completed]. Called at Mr. Dunham's but no one at home.

April 1, 1844. Brs. Holbrook and Turner have been laboring with my people the last week. Mr. H[olbrook] preached six sermons faithfully warning the sinner of guilt and danger and directing him to J[esus] C[hrist]. There were some cases of awakening. We labored faithfully with Mr. Shaw and [Mr.] Goodenow, the former seems hardened under an excess of light and knowledge—the latter suffers from a deficiency of the same. Marietta Estabrook expresses herself determined to be on the Lord's side. Mr. Chandler,⁷⁴ Jno. Van Horn,—[?] and Ralph Wright [and] Mrs. Fairbrother are awakened. The weather during most of our meetings was very unfavorable so that the attendance was small. On Saturday and Sunday the days were clear and our house [was] crowded. Br. H[olbrook] gained the favor of the people and is esteemed by them.

April 10. Returned last night from a circuit. On 1st inst. rode out in company with Br. Turner to Mr. Spaulding's $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile beyond Mineral creek. The old man got

⁷⁴Samuel Chandler was one of the revolvers, under the leadership of William Lyon Mackenzie, against the Canadian government in 1837-1838. Chandler, a wagon maker living at St. Johns on the Welland Canal, assisted Mackenzie to escape. In June, 1838, Chandler took part in an armed attack upon the Canadians at Overhoit's Tavern, but the venture failed. Chandler was arrested, tried, and sentenced to be hung. The sentence was commuted to banishment for life in Van Dieman's Land, but after four years, Chandler escaped on a Yankee whaling vessel. He arrived in Jackson County in 1843. William Current, frequently mentioned in the diary, was in sympathy with the revolvers and left Canada to eventually settle in Jackson County.

into trouble by entering under peculiarly extenuating circumstances the claim of Mr. Osborne—a mob was raised and he compelled to give up his title. His life was and still is threatened. These circumstances and the abandoned State of Society in the Neighborhood have induced Mr. S[paulding] to buy out one-half of Mr. Brown's claim (120 Acres) North of Mr. Shaw's. Mr. S[paulding] promises to give the lot on the S. E. corner of this claim for our meeting house. Mrs. S[paulding] seems to be a good hearted woman. Their son Alonzo, is a worthy young man.

The next morning rode to Deacon Turner's (page 41 ad lib.) whence over the prairie, crossing Bear creek at Voltenburgh's and the Wapsipinicon at Crook's Ford one mile below Walnut creek, to the Seely settlement where a town has been laid out called Rome. Much of the Road we followed [was] a single wagon track—the wind was very high and all around the prairies were burning. Vast clouds of smoke rolled over the heavens. The settlement near Voltenburgh's consists of United Brethren. They originated and differ but a little from the Methodists—generally a moral and illiterate people. At Rome spent the night with Mr. Cleveland, a native of Eastern Massachusetts—his parents are now living in Roxbury—a gentleman of information and travel. We found him busy with a law suit (he being a Justice of the Peace) in which all the people seemed interested and which prevented our holding a meeting. Mr. C[leveland] has a good library. Unhappily, he is a Unitarian. His wife [is] of coarser habits and manners from N[ew] York, a Methodist professor, yet a kind hearted and active young woman. Mr. Stiver the blacksmith is quite a gentleman and pays a decent respect to religion—is from Ohio. Mr. Crooks is a fine family, the old gentleman from Rock River, originally from Erie Co. N[ew] York. The son [is] a very interesting man—his wife was sick and regarded dangerously so—expressed quiet and comfortable resignation to the Divine will. Mr. Crooks owns the Saw Mill in company with Mr. Seely.

His family are Methodists but want an intelligent ministry and like and respect and sympathize with Br. Turner. Visited Mrs. Warren from Worcester Co. Mass., a good but rather weak minded and credulous woman—came to this county with Mr. Whittemore from N[ew] Hampshire [and] brought several hundred dollars in money (proceeds from working in the factory) commenced school in Cascade but was obliged to give up from sickness, afterwards moved to Rome and opened school when Mr. Warren fell in with her and they married—with her money she has entered land and built, etc. Saw Mrs. McFarland who lives three miles West, originally [she was] a Congregationalist from Mass., but has been united with the Methodists—her husband is a fine and active man.

Rev. T. P. Emerson rather injured than benefited our cause. The fruits of his imprudences are seen along the Wapsipinicon. On the 3rd rode to Tipton, 20 miles thro Pioneer, Picayune, and Red Oak groves. In the latter dined with Mr. Robert Cousins from Ireland—has been in this county two years, came by way of N[ew] Orleans. [He is] an intelligent and generous hearted man—warmly and conscientiously attached to David's Psalms and cannot use anything else in the worship of God. Is much interested in Sabbath Schools—was a Superintendent in Ireland many years. There is an O[ld] [School] church of some 20 members in this grove. Mr. Ferguson is one of the elders. Mr. Mead has preached there the last year, but has left. Br. Turner by request was to preach for them on the 5th inst.

At Tipton found that Br. Alden had gone to the South part of the Territory—was disappointed in not seeing him. Tipton contains some 12 or 14 frame houses, two taverns, [and] one store. Stopped with Mr. Patterson

Fleming,⁷⁵ Clerk of the Court—a gentlemanly man yet I must confess to the appearance of smallness, his wife

⁷⁵In 1845, Mr. Fleming, then sheriff, was stabbed by Asa Young with a pen-knife. For a while the Flemings ran a tavern. *Vide* Aurner, *A Tropical History of Cedar County, Iowa* (1910), 1: 115.

appears a nice woman. Mr. Addison Gillett⁷⁶ keeps store, came to the Territory last summer from Hudson N[ew] York where [he] was a member of Dr. Waterbury's Church. Br. Alden has a hard row I plainly perceive, with no active professors to hold up his hands. On the 4th rode thru Postain's grove (where fed my horse and dined with Mr. Postain) [then to] Walnut grove, by Mr. Heller, over the Wapsipinicon at Algiers to Mr. Dulton's, some 34 miles—a long and hard ride. Mr. Dulton a member of the church in DeWitt, originally from Vermont, lived mostly in N[ew] York—a widower—keeps bachelor [quarters] with his two sons in a shabby way. In a bachelor's cabin one realizes the worth of the [other] sex. One of the sons has lately married a daughter of Mr. Heller. They are putting up a new house for her reception.

The next morning rode to Br. Emerson's [and] I found him with the ague and fever—he got lost a few weeks ago on the prairie going to Charleston in the wet. In consequence of his sickness he was unable to make preparations for the sacrament and wished me to go to Camanche to preach a funeral sermon for him according to his appointment. I went 15 miles East of Mr. Emerson's over the prairie. At Camanche enjoyed the hospitalities of Mr. Dunning and lady. They are from N[ew] York. Mr. Dunning [is] a native of Vermont: has lived in Troy where [he] married his wife and was member of Dr. Beman's Church—his wife a member of Dr. Snodgrass'—he has heard Mr. Kirk. They came West some eight years ago. Spent one year in Chicago. Then Camanche had considerable of a name. Some of Mr. D[unning's] brothers came on with him. They took up a section of land. At that time there was no one but LeClair⁷⁷ in Davenport. Mr. Dunning visited its present site and preferred Camanche. They laid out some 8,000

⁷⁶His home was in block 17, and he maintained a general store in a small frame building on lot 5 in block 11. *Vide Aurner, op. cit.*, 1: 115.

⁷⁷Antoine Le Claire, variously a fur trader, government interpreter, postmaster at Davenport (1833), justice of the peace, and Davenport merchant. It is said that he knew and spoke fluently twelve or fourteen Indian dialects. For a biographical sketch, *vide* Franc B. Wilkie, *Davenport—Past and Present* (1858), pp. 167-169.

dollars, built the Beaver mills. This property now is of little value. Have a comfortable home. Mrs. D[unning] is not contented and would be glad to return—her maiden name was Monroe. Her parents now reside in N[ew] York. Mr. Holbrook took up a claim near them. They speak in the highest terms of his first wife.

Preached a funeral sermon for the death of Mr. Root—received 62½ c[en]ts for this sermon—the first money for ministerial services I have received this side of the Mississippi—he died Dec. 3. Was of [the] Baptist church [and] left a widow and several children. In the afternoon and evening preached in Albany for Mr. Jessup. His church occupy a small room over a ware house—had a good and attentive Congregation, tho in the afternoon just as I was commencing my sermon a steamboat (the New Brazil) came right along the warehouse which stands on the shore and disconcerted my hearers' attention. The people in Albany are a moral community, all go to meeting, the contrast between them and my people struck me very forcibly. The Presbyterian church was unfortunate in having a few years since a stiff O[ld] S[chool] minister whose excesses or deficiencies drove off some of the best members to form a Congregational Church. The division still remains and I could see no prospect of its termination. This is the most unpleasant thing in the field at Albany. The pillar in the Presbyterian church is Mr. Mitchell who lives 5 miles North on the road to Fulton. Mr. McKay lives several miles South towards Cordovia. Mr. Bothwell and Mr. Buck in the Congregational Church are men of worth, Mr. Mitchell, the ferryman, is a brother of Elder Mitchell, a gentlemanly man, not a professor, complains of the strife between the Churches. Mr. Jessup has a pleasant house, well furnished, a good library, and a good wife—found him just recovering from a severe bilious attack—his wife a daughter of Deacon Callender of 1st. Church in Buffalo. Br. J[essup] became acquainted with her when she was visiting a sister on Rock River. They were

married in Buffalo last summer. She is affectionate and intelligent and smart.

I should like now to have a home to come to and to rest for three days, but I have not the one and cannot do the other.

April 12. Br. Julius A. Reed⁷⁸ came along yesterday afternoon and spent [the] night with me—preaching in the evening. He was a native of East Windsor, Conn't.—was a teacher in [a] private family in Mississippi at Natchez one year—was settled at Warsaw, Ill. Once rode horseback from Jacksonville, Ill. to his father's house in six weeks—now at Fairfield, Jefferson County where [he] was installed over [the] Congregational Church last winter—his church is small. Into his region there is but little emigration from N[ew] E[ngland] or New York. [He] has been on an exploring tour through Buchanan and Delaware counties to find the best site for the location of a literary institution, the land in the neighborhood of Bennet's Mill, which Deacon Huddon purchased last year is too much under claim and the country is too far from the Mississippi. There are some other good mill sites the claims of which might be bought for a trifle—the geographical center of the county is entirely vacant and said to be well situated for timber. There are but few families in the county. Br. R[eed] thinks there is a population of about 100 and that they are hardly enough to call for Missionary laborers at present. He was rather better pleased with Delaware County tho in this county the best lands are all under claim. Coffin (in Township 6 west of range 89) near Prairie Creek is from Northampton, Mass., not a pious man, yet sympathizes with us and wants Presbyterian preaching. There is a settlement and fine timber in Eade's grove on Honey Creek (township 5 west of range 90). At Delhi the geographical center of Delaware Co. is but one cabin, on a fine prairie with good timber near —Br. R[eed] was the most favorably impressed with

⁷⁸Rev. Julius A. Reed began his labors in Fairfield, November 28, 1840, under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society at a church salary of \$100 annually, and continued to serve until August 1845 when he resigned to become Missionary of the Society in Iowa.

this location. Br. Reed complains of being much fatigued by his journey.

April 16. Preached last Sabbath (Apr. 14) at county seat.⁷⁹ There were present Deacon Cotton, his two daughters, daughter in law, Bemus Cotton, Mr. Larkin, Mr. Young and two sons, Mr. Means, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gleason[?] and daughter and wife and infant, Mr. Briggs, Mr. McGinnis, Miss Hadley and two Miss Davis': 20 [in the entire congregation]. The day was rainy which prevented my going to Bellevue to fulfill an appointment there in the afternoon. Spent Sabbath evening with Mr. Young on Bunch [?] reek (p. 34). He is of Irish extraction—his grandfather a native of Erin—has two likely, amiable boys, John and Thomas, who made a profession of religion last year in Pennsylvania—about 14 and 15 years old. Elizabeth, of about the same age, has also made a profession. Their other children are Wm., David, and James. A very promising family. Mr. John Means, a worthy young man [and a] member of Seceder Church lives with them—also Mr. Brown and Mr. Clark. Yesterday started off for Mr. Reed's to fulfill an appointment at 2 in the afternoon but a shower arising after I had gone $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile I returned and it clearing off in the afternoon I came to this place, Thomas [Young] guiding me through the woods as far as Mr. Chapman's near Mr. Trouts. Mr. Young was brought up in O[ld] S[chool] church but united with the N[ew] S[chool] under Mr. Pettibone, an Andover student.

April 17. Visited at Mr. Pangburn's—his boy Herbert has been sick four weeks. Dr. Effner thinks it a case of Diabetes. The sickness commenced with ague and fever at which time the boy (eight) had an ordinary appetite. He has since been wasting away and is now most a skeleton, but has an excessive appetite. He was a bright boy and [a] good scholar. His parents have been very stupid and I presume criminally negligent of religious education. I opened to him the probability of death, but he is

⁷⁹Andrew.

so young and has grown up in so much ignorance of the Saviour that I can form no judgment in relation to his state. The Lord bless this providence to the awakening of his parents, the only question the little fellow asked me was if Mr. Shaw had those testaments yet—on answering in the affirmative, he added, "I mean to get one."

[I] have been visiting round this week to stir up the people in relation to building a house for the Lord. There are various excuses—they are too poor—have too much else to do—must build a school house, don't like the proposed location etc. One man imploringly begged off by directing me to look at his coat, which, said he, however comfortable now was not so last winter, and again he bade me look at his shabby cabin. I wished myself, not from any desire for the toil or for the honor but from realizing that it was the only sure way of accomplishing the object, to push the matter to its issue, selecting the location and taking up subscriptions, appointing and superintending a building Committee, and having the house completed early in the Fall or Sept. 1st. I proposed that the property should be the property of the Church under [the] care of the Elders or of a Committee of the Church. But Mr. Shaw thinks the matter must be all done by the Society and the House be the property of the Society. I am obliged to coincide and tonight a meeting has been called.

April 18. Last night the meeting was held. Fifty dollars subscribed and the Trustees requested me to solicit aid in Dubuque and Galena. I leave this afternoon on this enterprise and on my route visit Cascade, Clayton County, and Fairplay to attend the ordination of Br. Lewis. Rec'd. this morning a letter from Br. Ch[arles] H. A. Bulkley⁸⁰ inquiring into this field in the Territories and as to what would be his prospects of usefulness. The expression of his feelings humbles me in my coldness. He writes in a nervous state of mind. I have not time today to send him an answer. God is answering my prayers

⁸⁰Rev. Charles H. A. Bulkley.

and those of his people here for new laborers by putting it into the hearts of his young servants to desire to endure hardness in this land for Christ. The Lord give me grace that I may faithfully lay the facts in the case before the mind of Br. B[ulkley].

April 25. Having postponed my visit to Clayton County, I returned to this point yesterday afternoon having spent one night with Br. Turner and three nights at Dubuque. Br. T[urner] secured a good hold in Cascade and if his patience and perseverance hold out he will have a good church in a few years. His contentment and willingness to endure hardships under many discouragements is almost a marvel. In riding from Cascade to Dubuque on Saturday afternoon (26 miles) was overtaken by a severe thunder shower and wet through to the skin. The voice of the thunder enters the soul of the man who is traveling alone on the naked prairie. The Mississippi is higher now than it has been for many years. Br. Holbrook, though he has a more dignified and important (as regards living) comfortable field than mine has yet nearly as hard a one. The money troubles in relation to the meeting house, and the alienation of some of the church members are disheartening. I succeeded in securing the promise of help in building our meeting house to the amount of some 30 dollars in work and materials. This was the first begging expedition I ever engaged in—disagreeable enough to one's sensitive feelings.

The boy referred to April 17, H[erbert], died at seven this morning, and his father has just been in to request me to preach the funeral sermon. O that the Lord may give me grace to be faithful and sanctify this Providence to the family and to the community. [I] have to preach a funeral sermon for Mrs. McGinnis. She died in childbed [and] gave no evidence of a change of heart—has left three small children.

May 9. 10th. Returned on Wednesday from a tour in Wisconsin. [On the] 30th ult. [I] crossed the Mississippi at Bellevue, ferried over the islands, the river being higher than it has been since 1828—was two hours in

crossing — called on Mr. Wood — his wife was killed three or four years ago by being thrown from a sleigh in going up the branch at Bellevue on [the] way to the meeting. Reached Fairplay just before dark where [I] enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Wood and lady (from Suffield, Conn't.), who keeps store and is an intelligent man and interested in religion; also of Mr. Rood and Mr. Simmons (from Canada) leader of the Methodist class there. The Moderator, Rev. E. G. Bradford, opened [the] Convention by [a] sermon on [the] immutability of Divine Purposes. [The] sermon was badly arranged, or rather there was no order about it. There were present [the following] ministers, Holbrook, Lewis (New Diggings), Bradford (Prairie Du Lac), Stevens (Platteville), Street (Cassville), Cook (Mineral Point), Turner and self. Afterwards Mr. Kent came in. Delegates [were] Richards, from Cassville, Barton from Fairplay, Clark from Platteville, Mills from Lancaster, Baker from Mineral Point, Rice from Potosi, Reed from Dubuque, [and] Simpson from New Diggings.

Br. Bradford was last year at Platteville. H[ome] M[issionary] v. 15, p. 279. [He] was formerly in Vermont [and] his habits are rather too strongly easternized for a western settlement, his manner not popular enough — a straight forward man and of real worth [and] of [a] well furnished mind. Br. Stevens was formerly Missionary of A. B. C. F. M. among the Sioux; has just accepted a call from Church in Platteville and is to be installed on the 11th. [of] June. Br. Lewis was ordained by the Convention. In the course of his examination he stated that he was reared in a Unitarian neighborhood (Walpole, Mass.) [and] when a lad was a clerk in [a] book store in Boston, where [he] was in the class of a faithful Sabbath School teacher and sat under [the] preaching of Dr. Beecher. Was awakened thro efforts of his S[abbath] S[chool] Teacher and attended Dr. B[eecher's] inquiry meeting. As soon as Dr. B[eecher] learned the state of his mind for several successive mornings he came to the store which it was Br. Lewis'

duty to open and sweep out by sunrise, and embraced that opportunity for private religious conversation.

Br. Street is [the] son of Gen. Street; formerly was something of an Indian trader and did business at Cassville, [but] was unfortunate in trade—was aroused in a revival, was useful in exhortation, the Methodists endeavored to get him as a preacher in their connection, at [the] request of some of the church [members] in Cassville [he] was licensed for one year by [the] Convention. He applied to this Convention for a renewal of his license which was granted altho the examination was not satisfactory. There [during the examination] Mr. Street dated the Reformation at the 8th. century and made Calvin an Anglican. Br. Cook formerly was connected with St. Joseph Presbytery, came to Mineral Point for six months expecting to be settled at termination of that period, but has not given satisfaction, seems to have rather over many sharp points in his character, his appearance not prepossessing. Br. Richards appears a devoted pleasant man. Br. Barton is intelligent. Father Clark is [the] father of Br. Holbrook's wife, from Conn't., was steward of Illinois college. Br. Jos. T. Mills [is] a native of Kentucky, cousin of Rev. Thornton Mills of Cincinnati, studied at Jacksonville, held an office in Indian agency at Prairie Du Chien, a man of acute mind, liberal soul, rather inclined to enthusiasm. Br. Rice is an excellent brother, of warm devoted soul, from Chatauqua Co. N[ew] Y[ork] [and] has lived at Fulton, Illinois, where his father now resides. [I] was pleased with the orderly business manner of [the] Convention. Father Kent's ordination sermon was on consecration of property to Christ, and on comfortable support of Ministers—a plain good sermon (all written) nothing new or brilliant. Mr. Kent is a man of large experience, prudence and common sense.

On May 2nd visited Platteville, dined with Mr. Clark's family. The Dr. [is] an intelligent man, his wife a niece of Mr. Holbrook—an interesting family. Visited Br. Stevens, his wife [is] a fine woman—some six children.

Br. S[tevens] urged me to come over and labor in Wisconsin. On the Big Platte at Mr. Kenzie's, 9 miles from Lancaster, visited Mr. Drake, at the bridge, from western N[ew] Y[ork]—the church there has 22 members—wish to erect a meeting house this summer. Rode on to Lancaster which has a handsome situation—the finest court house I have seen in this section, two taverns, two stores, a weekly newspaper and some thirty families in the neighborhood. I rode in company with Mr. Mills—he almost insisted upon my settling with them. Spent one night at his house and another with Widow Otis, from Pennsylvania, has lived at Belvidere, Ill.—a very pleasant woman. Preached in the court house on Worldliness [and] had an attentive and intelligent congregation of about sixty—called on Mr. Otis, and Barber and Ward, storekeepers. Mr. Wiltse, Editor of Grant Co. Herald, an intelligent and gentlemanly man, has lived in Texas. Mr. Mahood [is] a native of Virginia whence he removed on ac't of Slavery first to Indiana and 12 years ago to Mineral Point, a very excellent man, well informed—has been afflicted with the gravel for 20 years. Mr. Macaulay, father of [the] one of [the] same name mentioned Dec. 21. Mr. Fletcher, his son in law lives with him.

May 4th rode to Potosi—called on Mrs. Mosehead three miles East of P[otosi], a native of Derry, N[ew] H[ampshire], has taught school in Dubuque, a very pleasant lady. Saw her sister, Mrs. Page and daughter, Mrs. P. thinks she has experienced religion—was a gay worldly minded woman, but met with severe crosses. Mr. M[osehead], an Englishman, was successful in mining and has now a fine farm. Potosi is curiously situated on the sides of a long and crooked hollow. It is vulgarly known as Snake Hollow, from the fact that the first mineral found there was taken from a cave which was surrounded by snakes. For the history of the church vide H[ome] M[issionary] v. 15, pp. 57, 222. I found it scattered and feeble. Mr. Warren was expected to labor with them, but was detained in the eastern portion of

the Territory so that the church has had no preaching this winter. Some of the members have become discouraged. Some united with the Methodists who have been holding a protracted meeting in [the] Presbyterian Meeting House this winter and some have gone back. Br. Rice is the leading and most active man in the church.

There is [also] Mr. Gillaspie, native of North Ireland [who] has lived in N[ew] Y[ork] city where [he] was a distiller, afterwards in Virginia; Mrs. Bicknall, Dr. Bicknall, a native of Rhode Island, an intelligent clever man as also his brother a merchant; Miss Fisher, teacher, lived in Canada, taught school in Beloit. Called on Mr. Emerson, lawyer, native of Maine, is dissatisfied with Society in Potosi and preparing to move to Racine; his wife a very fine lady, good singer, was teacher in Academy at Parsonsfield, Maine, a Baptist. The Sunday I spent there was rainy, had a congregation of about 45. On my return was detained a day in crossing the river—crossed at Weld's Ferry 10 miles above Dubuque. In crossing was overtaken by heavy shower and wet through. I stopped at Sage's Mill on [the] Little Maquoketa but Mr. Simms (pp. 30-31) was not there, the mill not being in operation in consequence of the back water from the Mississippi. On returning here found a letter from Mr. Buck of Mineral Point, W. T.⁸¹ desiring me to come and see the Church. Is the Lord thus opening a wider door of usefulness before me? O Lord lead me in the way in which thou wouldst have me to go.

Visited Mrs. Pangburn, found her soft and tender; visited Mr. Earl, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Marshall, a native of Conn't. near Stamford, formerly owned Mr. McCloy's mill property, injured himself by hard work and is now in consumption. Day before yesterday what he supposes an ulcer broke on his lungs and discharged largely and now he has some relief. He and his wife have been Professors in [the] Baptist church some nine years. At Potosi saw Mr. Wood, native of Boxford, Mass., an old bachelor, lived many years in Onondaga Co. N[ew]

⁸¹W.T. refers to Wisconsin Territory; "I.T." on page 74, et seq., refers to Iowa Territory.

York, where [he] was engaged in making salt—thinks there are salt springs in Essex Co. Mass., from the fact that in the examination of the waters on the coast of Mass., the largest impregnations of salt were in waters taken from [the] mouths of Merrimack and Plum rivers.

Of [the] votes taken in April on subject of a Convention for forming a Constitution for a State Government, there were

For a Convention	6,719
Against	3,974

Whole number of votes	10,693
Majority for Convention	2,745

This is taken from the proclamation of the Governor,⁸² but it does not include the votes in [the] Counties of Clayton, Washington, and Davis from which the returns had not been sent in, which however, would probably have made the whole number of votes in the Territory near 12,000.

May 15. Saw Mr. Corbin who lives [in the] house west of Mr. Burleson's, a Unitarian in sentiment, was the first Merchant in Milwaukee (in 1836) who had on a stock of goods from N[ew] York, was unfortunate in trading by crediting his goods, afterwards engaged in forwarding, grocery and baking business.

May 18. Read today, Jos. Scott Kirkpatrick's "Private thoughts on Theology", published at Dubuque 1839.⁸³ There is much bad grammar and bad use of language. The foundation of his errors is in relation to original condition of Adam who acted then instinctively and ignorantly. He supposes Satan told the truth, Gen. 3:5,⁸⁴ and that the Lord speaks literally in Gen. 3:22⁸⁵ and that Adam did not have the complete image of God until

⁸²Gov. John Chambers' message of May 1, 1844. *View Benj. F. Shambaugh* (ed.), *Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa* (1903), 1: 308-309 for complete text.

⁸³The full title of this twenty-eight page pamphlet is: Joseph S. Kirkpatrick, *Private Thoughts on Theology to the Serious Enquirer after Truth*. Russell & Reeves, Printers. Du Buque, 1839. The State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, has a copy.

⁸⁴Genesis 3:5. . . . for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil.

⁸⁵Genesis 3:22. And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

his transgression which says the writer was "the very finishing stroke" that stamped in him the image of God and consummation of the great design of man's creation." So that "the account of what divines term the fall is in reality the plain and simple narration of man's creation." The death in Gen. 2:17⁸⁶ according to Mr. K[irkpatrick] is spiritual death only. Mr. K[irkpatrick] further discourses on the free volition of the mind—supposes the atonement has no influence on the gov[ernment] of God, but only on the mind of sinner as a motive to him to repent, and that there is no such thing as punishment (properly so called) in Gov[ernment] of God, but only consequences of sin.

Br. E. Alden has spent a few days with me, informs me that [the] brethren met in April at Denmark [and] concluded that it was important to make a beginning in relation to a College and appointed Rev. Asa Turner (p. 21) their agent to collect funds in the East for the purchase of a college site and to raise a colony. Rev. Mr. Boal was ordained in April at Black Hawk by Des Moines Presbytery. Mr. C. R. Fisk after having succeeded in the erection of a house and meeting house at Black Hawk has lost the favor of the people and is about leaving. He is a son of Rev. Mr. Fisk of Wrentham, Mass. Br. Alden is very much encouraged at Tipton; has formed a church of three members—is contented.

Mr. Pangburn and family have all been to meeting regularly since death (p. 62) of their little boy. Before that had not been to meeting since I came here, and had not been in the memory of his oldest neighbors here. He confesses his sin.

May 28. Visited last week Maquoketa Cave (p. 50) in company with Bs. Holbrook and Alden—in the sight of the natural bridge felt the inadequacy of all descriptions I had given of it. Thro fear of exaggeration I had not told the half. In our company were Mrs. Holbrook, Mr. Van Horn and his sisters, Mr. Dennison and his sister, Mrs. Montague. The passing thro the cave immediately

⁸⁶Genesis 2:17. . . . but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

below the bridge was an occasion of exciting interest. We had with us a few dim candles. None of us had ever heard any particular description of the cave. It was literally terra incognita—a branch of the Creek runs thro the cave which keeps it wet and muddy. On we went more and more venturesome thro wet & mud. Having gone about 500 feet we came to a bend of the cave to the right where the water obstructed the farther progress of the ladies. Br. Alden, Mr. Van Horn and myself waded through the water and soon reached the mouth of the cave at the other end. The cave must be some 600 or 800 feet long. Farther down the ravine we entered the mouths of other caves but having unfortunately put our lights out were unable to make farther explorations.

On returning in crossing South Fork at Phillipps Ford my horse which was in Mr. Holbrook's wagon lay down in the water, broke one of the shafts. Mr. H[olbrook] and myself got into the water, freed the horse from the buggy and dragged it to shore. Fortunately, Mrs. H[olbrook] had exchanged her seat in the buggy for the horse I was riding.

Last week attended Iowa North Association at DeWitt. [There] were present Brs. Holbrook, Alden, Emerson and self, and delegates from churches in Andrew, DeWitt and Maquoketa. A day of small things. But oh, how rapid and great the increase of the next twenty, nay even ten years. The subject of a union of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches in Northern Iowa was discussed—Brs. Holbrook and Turner appointed to correspond on the subject and report a plan of Union.

June 17. Have got behind in writing up my journal from want of time. Spent the first Sabbath of this month in Mineral Point. This settlement the next oldest to that of Galena in the mines. There was a stockade there during the Black Hawk war. The ministers who have preached there are Messrs. Chaffee, Adams, and Cooke. The last, a brother of Parsons Cooke of Lynn, Mass., was in Michigan City. His removal to Mineral Point was con-

trary to the views of Mr. Badger; is regarded as an able preacher but harsh on those whose opinions differ from his. His manner not prepossessing. Mr. Gallahan labored there when in this region—is to be expected some of his converts are gone back and others (Mr. Bracker, Mr. Tilly) are decided & useful Christians. Mr. Curtis Beach is the main pillar of the church, from N[ew] York State, a successful merchant, regarding himself as a steward of the Lord. Mr. Hatch, one of his clerks, is a promising young man. Mr. Carter [is] the chorister, his wife is a member of the church. Mr. Rhinerson, his wife a daughter of Mr. Mosley.

June 3, [I] attended a three days meeting at Elk Grove in Mr. Henry Curtis' barn. One of the most solemn and blessed meetings I ever attended; Mr. Henry Curtis and wife, Horace Curtis and their father, a man of gray hairs, Capt. Dehckerst and wife and nephew of same name and wife, and others came forward and avowed themselves on the Lord's side.

On Friday, June 7, Br. J. J. Hill arrived in Dubuque; last week, June 10, I went up to see him, was much pleased with the energy, activity and soul of his wife. I hired a buggy and drove him to Clayton Co. Went to Floyd's by Bent's furnace, 20 miles N. W. of Dubuque, whence 17 miles to Millville on Turkey river at the mouth of a creek, the Little Turkey. Millville is about four miles from the mouth of Turkey river. We found the river very high and not fordable; swam my horse, took our wagon apart and carried it over on a skiff—found Mr. Emerson, one of the mill owners, a very smart and polite man; became acquainted with Major Sands [?] a large landholder in that region. Spent the night with Mr. Grebell, Pennsylvania Dutch. The road very bad and full of slues between Floyd and Millville. Jacksonville, the County Seat of Clayton, is situated on a high rolling prairie, good timber at the distance of a mile on two sides of it. Stopped with Mr. James Watson, native of N[orth] Carolina, raised in Missouri, lived in Dubuque, was elder in Presbyterian church there, an upright man,

has a large flock of sheep in partnership with Mr. Thompson of Dubuque. His wife a fine woman of gentle manners, in feeble health. Spent the night with Mr. Gay, an excellent and faithful brother, formerly a member of church in Princeton, Ill. and now of Potosi, W. T. Mr. Kirkpatrick, member of [the] church in Potosi lives with him. Called on Mr. Kinney. Mr. Banfield keeps public house.

Thursday, 13th inst. Rode to Boardman's [a distance of] 13 miles. He was native of Vermont, educated under Presbyterian principles, engaged in [the] milling business in North Eastern N[ew] York and in Canada, came some eight years ago by way of Green Bay to his place, went up Turkey river in a boat in search of mill privilege and selected his present site, the river runs over a rock bottom with rock sides, some ten feet high and a little beyond this are higher banks, whence a level plain extending back to bluffs 100 feet high. A dam can easily be built and there are excellent sites for building mills. There is a natural way for constructing a channel in which to carry water down along the bank. There are some ten or twelve families in the neighborhood, but Mr. Boardman thinks there are several sections of good farming land still unoccupied. Mr. Bronson and family live with Mr. Boardman. I told Mr. Boardman in relation to the enterprise now on foot to establish an academical institution in Iowa and that its friends were looking round for a favorable location. He expressed gratification that his place should be visited with reference to this, and a willingness to dispose of part of his interest there to such an object.

On June 3, this region was visited with an extensive and destructive hurricane. At [the] mouth of Lytell's creek the house of Jesse Lade was thrown down and his family much injured. Stout oak trees were thrown to the ground, injury was done in Clinton, Cedar and Iowa County. House of Mr. Snow at DeWitt was thrown down. At Albany, Moline, and other places in Illinois injury was done.

On returning from Boardman's last week, crossed the Turkey a mile below Boardman's, crossed the Volga and Elk creek near Wyman's settlement by a saw mill and rode to the Colony Settlement in the edge of Clayton and Delaware thro much timber till 9½ P. M. in [the] dark evening when [I] came to the house of Mr. Mallory, where scared up the people and lodged; a large family [of] eight or nine sons, a pine log house. Mr. M[allory] brought up a Presbyterian but now a Nothingarian, from N[ew] York; ancestors from Conn't. Mr. Morlin, a better family to stay with, a mile this side. Mr. Montgomery in that settlement is an O[ld] S[chool] Presbyterian. Mr. Cole, Universalist preacher, impotent in his limbs, has settled in that neighborhood; proud and conceited man—of considerable reading. Friday, June 14, rode all day in most severe rain, by Floyd's, 24 miles, and reached Dubuque just before dark. One mile West of Floyd's passed in the road one cross some twenty-five feet high and a smaller one some ten feet high in front of a Romish Mass house. Thus in all the journey of some 175 miles I passed but one meeting house and saw but one preacher (with the exception of those in Dubuque) and that meeting house was a Romish one and that preacher a Universalist.

July 22. Am again far behind in my journal, have not had opportunity to make a record.

The church at Mineral Point have given Mr. Warren a call. They blundered in sending for me while he had their application to him still under consideration. He was an old personal friend of Mr. Beach and the man of his choice.

At Platteville, on the 26th of June received a call from [the] church in Potosi to settle with them; visited them and found a good degree of cordiality and unanimity towards me among the people. I thought I should leave the matter to the decision of the A. H. M. S., but in [a] letter received today from the Society nothing is said on the subject, though in my report to them on May 9th I asked their advice. Saw Mr. Peet in Dubuque last week.

He advised strongly my going to Potosi and guaranteed me the sanction of the A. H. M. S. in so doing. I wait only for more light.

Mr. Brown, school teacher in Mineral Point, is a worthy young man—not polished but naturally of good strong inquiring mind. Mr. Hallow, Primitive [*sic*] Methodist preacher, an amiable man.

In Platteville heard Mr. Ravenaugh, presiding Elder, lecture on Temperance—an easy fluent speaker, rather pompous, gairish and haughty—native of Kentucky.

Mr. White who owns the house Br. Stevens lives in and boards with him, was an Indian trader in Milwaukee.

In Potosi, Mr. Lyon [*is*] a very pious man, praying much, belongs to Primitive Methodists, also Mr. Greenwood.

Of the members of [the] Presbyterian church are, Mr. Cuisins, (two brothers) Mr. Bristow, native of Kentucky, converted under Mr. Peet's and Mr. Holbrook's labors there, Mr. Neavill, native of Ohio, where was brought up with Calvinistic Baptists.

Spent 4th July at Dubuque—rained severely. Heard addresses of Messrs. Green and Merrit and of Br. Holbrook. Oh, it was delightful to hear the memories of our Puritan ancestors spoken of with veneration and love this side of the Mississippi. The Sabbath School celebration was very interesting. I enjoyed it much—Mr. Holbrook urged on the children the importance of studying the Bible, which offended some Papists who were present.

Visited Bloomfield S. School July 14. It contains 32 children and 6 Teachers.

The country was very wet the last of June and the first part of this month. The Maquoketa very high, crops destroyed. The two last Sabbaths have been very pleasant. My congregation has generally been about fifty in four different places.

Was glad to meet in Dubuque Rev. C. H. A. Bulkley (p. 61); he intends locating in Wisconsin. Mr. Peet is pleased with him and his qualifications for usefulness.

July 23. Enjoyed a sweet and profitable season of prayer $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of Deacon Cotton's yesterday—committed my way unreservedly to the Lord.

August 17. Rode to Tete Des Morts [on] July 25, so called from the legend that a band of Indians was driven by their foes to a precipitous bluff near the mouth of the creek whence they cast themselves on the rocks beneath, preferring destruction in this way to falling into the hands of their enemies. Spent the night with Mr. Potter's family. Mrs. P[otter] seems to have been converted. Mr. P[otter] unwilling and I know not but unable to lift the voice of prayer in his family; two interesting boys, Nelson and Philip.

Crossed the Mississippi at [the] mouth of Tete Des Morts in a skiff in the rain, and walked to Galena thru the mud. Enjoyed the hospitalities of Mr. Kent. Rode to Potosi in stage, fare \$1.50; dined at Menominie (Mr. Gilman's, an old settler). This is one of Br. Lewis's preaching places. Crossed the Platte river at Junction of Big and Little Platte. On the other side is Paris where are some ten good dwelling houses, but one family; at one time a little business was done there, now none.

July 28. [I] had a large congregation at Potosi, the house full. Visited thro the week Mr. Grigsley, lived in Missouri (under the influence and a great admirer of Dr. Nelson, has a second wife, has united with the Methodists—belongs to Presbyterian church); Neaville, Bristow, Mosehead, Ayres, (here saw Mr. Sawyer and sister, native of New Ipswich, N. H. now residing in Denmark, I. T., and Mr. Case from Ohio [who] has lived some two years in Denmark, I. T.)

July 29. Rev. E. Adams came to see me. I rode with him to Cassville, stopping over night with Mrs. Booth, from Lester,⁸⁷ Mass., Methodist family, Br. Adams is laboring in one of our most thickly populated counties, the people are western, and the ground occupied by O[ld] S[chool], Cumberland Presbyterians, Seceders, &c., so

⁸⁷Refers probably to Leicester, Mass.

that if a more open door for usefulness should be set before him, it would be his duty to leave.

At Cassville I saw Mr. Street. He had preached his farewell sermon to the church and expects to remove his family in Sept. to the neighborhood of his relatives at the Old Agency in Wapello Co., Iowa. Dined with Mr. Richards, his wife a daughter of Mr. Curtis, has been unfortunate in his affairs. Cassville has a very pleasant location, good landing, will be a fine town when the back country is settled. Spent a night with Mrs. McCartweigh (sister of Mrs. Kilbourne), a good woman, married last spring to Mr. Mc[Cartweigh] who was a widower with large family and sceptical.

Dined with Mr. Fred Sprague on Grant river, a very intelligent Christian from Ontario County, N. Y., lived many years in Michigan.

Monday morning, August 5, by daylight started for Beloit, in company with Miss Fisher. Mr. Rice took us to Platteville 16 miles, whence in a wagon with Br. Stevens and Holbrook to New Diggins, 16 miles, where fell in with Bros. Turner, and Adams, to Mr. Clymer's, 14 miles on the Eastern edge of Gratiot's grove where spent the night. The next morning over the prairie to Winslow 19 miles, breakfasted with Mr. Kneeland, brother of Mrs. Meacham near Cascade. Winslow is on the Pickatonic. The property chiefly owned in Boston. Mr. Gardner, Hardware Merchant, a large owner, a good mill; drove that afternoon thro Oneco where is Rev. Mr. Hazard to Sugar creek Grove, put up at Mr. Pierson's, 26 miles, saw Mr. Moffet who has recently purchased the farm [and] intends to have 300 Acres in wheat this fall. [He is] from N[ew] Jersey and Orange Co., N[ew] York, lived in Milwaukee, belonged to Mr. Miter's church and paid 200 dollars for the meeting house there. The next morning, Aug. 7, drove to Beloit eighteen miles, thus 109 miles from Potosi to Beloit. At Beloit enjoyed the hospitalities of Mr. Bicknall, who keeps the Beloit House and of Miss Fisher's family.

Beloit is a beautiful village well laid out, spacious

streets, on the East bank of Rock river—the buildings are neat. The Congregational church is a very fine stone building, plain and handsome and commodious.

The Subject of a College in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois has been talked of for several years and premature steps have frequently been taken, but nothing decisive and satisfactory accomplished. In Convention in Cleveland in June were several interested in this object and Rev. T. Baldwin and a convention of friends to the cause in Northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa was proposed to be held in Beloit Aug. 6 to consult in establishing Colleges and more particularly on their location. In pursuance of an informal call in this way, some sixty gentlemen were met in Beloit. The Rev. A. Kent was appointed Chairman and Mr. Jason Marsh of Rockford, Secretary. Convention opened with prayer by Rev. S. Peet.

It was universally agreed that Iowa should have a College by itself, but much discussion was had and much sectional prejudice manifested as to [a] union of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois in establishing one College. *Each* seemed to be very willing to unite with the other, if the other would unite in building the college on *their* side of the line. It was however, finely agreed on that it was expedient for Northern Illinois and Wisconsin to unite in establishing one College. It was proposed to establish the institution on the line, but finally agreement was come to on proposition of Mr. Kent to establish both a College and a female Seminary—Beloit and Rockford are the rival places for these institutions. A committee of ten was appointed to examine and report on [the] subject of [the] location of them to the next Convention, which is to consist of each minister and a delegate from each church in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin, to be held Oct. 29 at Beloit.

I became slightly acquainted with most of the gentlemen present. Mr. Clary, pastor of the church in Beloit, seems to be a thorough, active and efficient man, a clear mind, his wife a sister of Rev. J. Burchard [later insert

in pencil—"a mistake"]; Mr. Clary was formerly in Watertown, N[ew] York. [Attending the meeting were:] Rev. H. Foote of Racine; A. Gaston (Delavan) of amiable appearance; H. Lawrence of Elkhorn, in Lane Seminary with [the] class of Rev. O. Emerson, lately in Toledo, Ohio, which he left in consequence of its sickliness; Marcus Hicks of Chicago, an active stirring man.⁸⁸ N. Wright of Belvidere, of solid character and substantial worth; Hiram March, Instructor in Galesburg, of practical common sense; C. Waterbury of Freeport, opinionated and dogmatic; Ebenezer Brown of 12 mile grove, of good judgment and warm and generous heart; O. W. Norton, of Roscoe, of N[ew] York Theo[logical] Seminary; Lewis Benedict of Picatonic; H. Taylor, has bought a farm near Picatonic; N. C. Clark, Elgin; R. M. Pearson, Grand De Tour; J. B. Potter, Rockford; S. Smalley, Amazon; T. Baldwin, Alton; J. J. Minter, Milwaukee; A. L. Chapin, Milwaukee; O. B. Clinton, Aztalar; S. E. Mims, Madison; E. W. Hewitt, Milton; C. Nichols, Lafayette; C. E. Rosenkrans, Troy; C. H. A. Bulkley, Janesville; L. Bridgeman, Pewaukee; E. B. Turner, Jno. C. Holbrook, E. Adams [from] Iowa; L. H. Loss, Ohio; besides lay gentlemen from various places. Mr. Loss made some valuable remarks on the subject of common school and academical education. Mr. L[oss] has become principal of an Academy at Beloit. Returning we came to Cummings in Rock grove 29 miles, to Winslow 15 miles, to New Diggings by way of Gratiot's mill on Wolf creek thirty-four miles, and to Bellevue by way of Galena 26 miles. Visited Bellevue, Charleston and the Forks this week and returned to Cottonville yesterday.

Aug. 20. Cottonville. A very heavy rain last Saturday night and Sabbath morning. Rode in the rain to county seat, but four persons present. Had a prayer meeting—went on to Maquoketa and had a small congregation.

⁸⁸A marginal note of Wm. Salter opposite this paragraph reads: "*Vide Iowa Transcript, published at Dubuque, Aug. 30, 1844.*"

Rec'd yesterday a letter (Aug. 3) from Mr. Badger advising me to remain in Iowa.⁸⁹ I trust it is of the Lord, and tho in many respects the field in Potosi would have been a more desirable one to labor in, I cheerfully shall endeavor to bear the heat and burden of the day here.

Cottonville, Sept. 12, 1844. Went to Dubuque, Mr. Kilbourne's (where took tea, Mrs. K[ilbourne] confined,) and Fairplay where enjoyed hospitality of Mr. Rood August 23. Next day [went] to Platteville where made known to Br. Stevens the contents of my letter from Mr. Badger. Br. S[tevens] was much affected in view of the suffering conditions of [the] church in Potosi, thought the advice of the A. H. M. S. injudicious, and was rather of [the] opinion that I ought to go notwithstanding. Went to Potosi that afternoon and spent the Sabbath [and] had a large congregation in the forenoon, some 150. The Church expressed much regret in view of my declining a call and unanimously and feelingly renewed their expressions of attachment to me, and of [the] desire that I might become Pastor of the Church.

Monday Aug. 26. Rode to Cassville, enjoyed hospitality of Mr. Fred Sprague and Mr. Richards; crossed the river Tuesday morning, was landed in the mud, and traveling through slues, mud, &c., "seeking dry places" over the bottom below [the] mouth of Turkey river which has been overflowed most of the season. Crossed the Turkey in the dirty bottom of a frail canoe, swimming my horse and reached Jacksonville⁹⁰ that afternoon. Br. Hill⁹¹ has made a good start, secured the affection and confidence of the community, and has encouraging prospects, for all which due credit must be given to his amiable, cheerful, happy and happy-making wife. A Congregational church was formed Sept. 1. Watson and Gay were elected deacons. The Articles of Faith and Covenant are generally those of the Wisconsin Convention. The members are: Br. Hill and wife, Watson

⁸⁹This letter is quoted in Ellis, *op. cit.*, p. 671.

⁹⁰Called Prairie Laporte Post Office in 1839, name changed to Jacksonville, December 12, 1843, and to Garnavillo, May 27, 1846.

⁹¹Rev. James J. Hill remained in Jacksonville until November 4, 1849.

and wife,⁹² Gay and wife⁹³ and two daughters,⁹⁴ Kinney and wife⁹⁵ and Kirkpatrick.⁹⁶

Rev. A. N. Wells, Chaplain at Fort Crawford, Prairie Du Chien, (18 miles N[orth] East) was present and preached one sermon from Ezek. 18:31.⁹⁷ He is a man of many excellencies, of very benevolent and tender feelings, generous soul and of very general knowledge. Preached several years in Brownville, N[ew] York—graduated at Union College where was Tutor, studied divinity with Dr. Nott. Was the first Protestant minister in Detroit and Pastor of First Presbyterian Church there 12 years—it was *thought* he had an anemism on his heart and was obliged to cease preaching. *This* has proved a mistake, but his constitution is shattered and he has to be very careful of himself. He broke off a few years since at once from an excessive and constant use of tobacco. He describes his sensations at that period as painful and distressing in the extreme, and as nearly making him delirious, but now he has no hankering for it; is fond of sporting, killed squirrel and pigeons; was brought up to trade of a saddler. Mr. Lockwood, Elder of Presbyterian church at Prairie Du Chien and brother of Mr. Lockwood of Dubuque came over with Mr. Wells; manifests an interest in every good work.

Had a Temperance meeting at Jacksonville [on] Aug. 31 at which Mr. Wells and self made addresses.

Mr. Mason Noble,⁹⁸ lawyer, native of Mississippi, lived in Grant Co. W. T., a growing young man, intelligent, a desire of popularity leads him at times astray from the path of high morality, expresses an interest in the general weal of society—of gentlemanly manners—married this summer, his wife from neighborhood of Alton.

⁹²James Watson settled on sections 17 and 18 in Garnaville Township, Clayton County, and gave the site for the town when the county seat was located at Garnaville.

⁹³John M. Gay and wife, Sarah.

⁹⁴Nancy J. Gay and Mary Gay.

⁹⁵Alfred Kinney and Mrs. Penely Kinney.

⁹⁶Hugh L. Kirkpatrick of Potosi, Wisconsin.

⁹⁷Ezekiel 18:31. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart, and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

⁹⁸There was an attorney, Reuben Noble, who came to Jacksonville in 1843, but I find no Mason Noble.

Dr. Andros⁹⁹ from Mass. a wicked man; gentleman, kind-hearted, his father a Congregational clergyman yet living. The Dr. has a boy named after Dr. Storrs of Braintree, Mass. Mrs. Andros much of a lady in her appearance. Mr. Whitman a promising young man. Mrs. Kinney had a son baptized whom she named after Br. Hill.

Monday, Sept. 2. Went to Prairie Du Chien with Mr. Wells, Lockwood, Hill and Mrs. Hill thro a beautiful prairie country, well timbered, which must in a few years be thickly settled. Prairie Du Chien presented a beautiful appearance from this side of the river as the rays of the setting sun were reflected from the garrison and other neat white buildings, crossed in ferry boat landing at the lower town—spent the night with Mr. Lockwood's pleasant family, Mrs. L[ockwood] a second wife. Tuesday morning visited the garrison.¹⁰⁰ Mrs. Wells, a second wife, very much discontented, native of Hudson N[ew] York. A Miss Salter from Philadelphia has been visiting a sister (wife of Lieut. ———) in the garrison this summer. She is now visiting a brother Dr. S[alter] at Moline, Ill.

Mr. Wells was well acquainted with Mr. Gale (now of Galesburg, Ill.) Finney, Burchard, thinks if Mr. B. had enjoyed the benefits of a good education he would have made one of the most eminent ministers in our country—or it may have been that a good education would have inflated his vanity and ruined him. Mr. Finney had been an opposer of religion and when he pretended to be under religious impressions, pious men thought he was making fun of them and begged him to desist until in admiring wonder of Divine Grace they were compelled to ask "Is Saul also among the Prophets"?

The Father of Mr. Clary of Beloit was a pious deacon, old school and opposed to new measures and protracted

⁹⁹Dr. Frederick Andros is said to be the first settler in Garnaville Township, locating on the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 20, township 93, north, range 3 west, in January 1836. He moved to McGregor in 1865, and later to Mitchell, Dakota. *Vide* Interstate Publishing Company, *The History of Clayton County, Iowa* (1882), p. 786.

¹⁰⁰For a history and description of Fort Crawford, *vide* Bruce E. Mahan. *Old Fort Crawford and the Frontier*, Iowa City, 1926.

meetings—a revival was in progress and he did not come to the meetings. One day while harvesting his oats his feelings changed, he drove to meeting and after [the] sermon told the people that if he ever experienced religion he did that day in his field. The revival went on powerfully—it was reported that the old deacon had given up his old hope and obtained a new one. But, explained the Deacon, I said if I ever experienced religion I experienced it *again*.

Mr. Wells is very sociable and has a fund of information on all subjects.

Tuesday Sept. 3. [I] crossed the Wisconsin at Brunnett's [?] Ferry—saw a Frenchman there [a] native of Canada who has been there 26 years—dined at Patch's on [the] prairie (where they have been settled nine years), rode to Lancaster ¹⁰¹ 20 miles. Br. Lewis preached from Heb. 2:3¹⁰² [on] *The Great Salvation*. There not being a quorum present of [the] Mineral Point Convention, Convention adjourned to Platteville [on] Oct. 2. Enjoyed hospitality of Mr. Mills.

Bro. Stevens and Lewis were united [in the judgment] that I ought to go to Potosi. Br. Rice informed me of the strong desires of the church in Potosi that I should come there and of their proposition to support me independently of the A. H. M. S., but as I have regarded the advice of the A. H. M. S. as an indication of Divine Providence, I could give no encouragement. I learn that Rev. Mr. Kendall of [the] last class at Andover is coming into [the] Mining region, and I strongly recommended him to Br. Rice, and hope he may go to Potosi. Mr. Holbrook has a call from [the] church at Mineral Point—he postpones his decision until his return from the East.

Arrived at Dubuque Sept. 5—found Mr. Lancaster (from Missouri, Springfield and Jacksonville, Ill.) a Campbellite, preaching in [the] Presbyterian church to

¹⁰¹The plat of Lancaster was recorded May 1, 1837. An excellent description of the Wisconsin territory over which Mr. Salter traveled at various times may be found in Rev. Alfred Brunson's, "A Methodist Circuit Rider's Horseback Tour from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin, 1835," in the *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, 15: 264-291.

¹⁰²Hebrews 2:3. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; . . . ?

large congregations. He has formed a church. Mr. Mobley, Cashier of Miner's Bank of Dubuque [is] the pillar of the society. Mr. Lancaster was a Methodist Preacher, a fluent speaker, powerful voice—he succeeded in gaining the itching ears of Dubuque.

Spent a few hours with Mr. Kent day before yesterday, Sept. 10. He expresses concern for Potosi and doubt as to the question of my duty to go there. He suggested the probability of Mr. Holbrook's going to Mineral Point and in that case the expediency of my supplying Dubuque. O that the Lord may guide our steps.

The Lord's hand is over me for good, preserving me from dangers seen and unseen. I am under fresh obligations to be entirely devoted to the work of the Lord. In His providence the door of Wisconsin seems to be shut against me. I will trust in the Lord, and by his grace do good.

The people at Beloit and Picatonic have proposed to subscribe very liberally if the seminaries are located in their respective villages. O that we had such a population in Iowa. At these places they engage to put up a suitable building at cost of about eight and six thousand dollars.

In Dubuque made the acquaintance of Mr. Franklin Knight of Washington. He is the publisher of facsimile copies of some of General Washington's papers and is traveling to sell the work. He was the first publisher of the *Literary and Theological Review*, edited by Leonard Woods, Jr.¹⁰³ He says an article by Bp. B. B. Smith of Kentucky on Christian Union was extremely injurious to the circulation of that work. He disposed of the work soon after Pres. Woods left the editorship of it. Mr. Knight mentioned that he called to see Pres. Woods at Brunswick this last spring, and asked him in relation to his true position with regard to the rumors abroad about his Episcopal & Puseyistic notions. You know me and my opinions, replied Pres. Woods,

¹⁰³Franklin Knight, publisher of the *Literary and Theological Review*, edited by Leonard Woods, Jr., *vide* sketch in F. L. Mott, *A History of American Magazines* (1930), pp. 624-625.

when we conducted the Theol[ogical] Review, and my opinions are as they then were.

Mr. Knight has been Assistant Secretary of the American Colonization Society, and informs me of a division in that Society between the friends of Mr. Greeley and those opposed to him which resulted in the election of a new Secretary. Elliott Cresson of Philadelphia was at the head of those opposed to Mr. Greeley. Mr. Knight thinks that Mr. Cresson is not actuated by a benevolent spirit, but is selfish entirely in his views and protestations.

The friends of Mr. Greeley organized a new Society, "Society For The Colonization and Civilization of Africa In The District Of Columbia And Maryland." Mr. G[reeley] is Secretary. Its funds are mostly paid to [the] American Colonization Society. Mr. G[reeley] has been the great pillar of the cause of African Colonization—had he now abandoned or opposed this cause, it would have fallen—by this new organization his friends who are very numerous, especially at the South, are retained to the help of the general cause.

Mrs. Davis (sister of Mrs. McCloy) passed thro' here today on her way East. She has lived in Toledo, Ohio, a very pleasant lady—expresses much interest in and for the work of the Lord in the West.

Sept. 13. I have become acquainted with Mr. McCuen—a native of Greenfield, Saratoga Co. N[ew] York but moved to Canada when a small boy—lost his parents—was a horse boy on the Welland Canal—had no education, when 18 years old could not read—learned blacksmith's trade, was converted and educated himself, and is a very intelligent man, of generally good judgment, of natural talent, has a fluent and ready command of the English language, has lectured on Temperance in Lockport, N[ew] York, Freeport and Galena, Ill. Has lived this summer with his brother in Tete Des Morts where [he] was sick. Has spent about a month in Mr. Parmaly's family. His wife (native of Canada) has been quite sick. They buried an infant child last week. Mr. Mc-

Cuen is moving to Maquoketa and will spend the winter with Mr. Chandler's family, near Doane's.

Sept. 19. Saw old Mr. Herrington last Sabbath. He was a native of N[ew] Hampshire near Keene, moved to Montpelier, Vt. His wife pious from her youth. Spent one year with his son near Bellevue and was very sick. Has a son in Burlington, Vt., some children in Ohio—is undecided where to live himself—seems to be a good simple-hearted, candid man, attended a 40 days protracted meeting of Mr. Burchard in Vermont. Visited yesterday Capt. Silsbee, a man of very disagreeable appearance and manners; gave him two N[ew] York Observers. Called at Mr. Sawtell's; Mrs. S[awtell] thinks she is a great deal better than most who profess religion and is well enough off. Called at Mr. Hawkins' who is living in Mr. Sawtell's old log house. [He is] from Mercer Co. Penn. Mrs. H[awkins] has been for three years a member of the Presbyterian church (O[ld] S[chool]), has nine children, William (aged 14) a pleasant boy. Attended last evening a prayer meeting at Mr. Knapp's. Mr. Whittemore (a brother of Mrs. K[nap]) present; a Baptist Preacher from Maine arrived this week; commenced preparing for the ministry rather late, studied at Hebron Academy and Baptist Seminary at West Thomaston, Maine. Too close application injured his health. [He is] of pleasant manners and good intelligence. His mind seems to be a good deal under the influence of religious truth—he designs settling in the country if Providence opens a prospect of usefulness before him; spent the afternoon with me.

Cottonville, Sept. 24. Spent the last Sabbath in Duquette—enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Bissell. She was of the Lansing family in Lansingburg, N[ew] York, an intelligent lady, of refined habits. An interesting family of children, Mary, Helen, Anna, and Henry. Mrs. B[issell] has generally Roman Catholic servants in her house. She had one who was kind hearted and attached to her family, but very ignorant. There having been at one time much talk about Mr. B[issell's] being opposed to the

Papists, Mrs. B[issell] asked this girl what the Bishop said in relation to her family; the girl somewhat reluctantly told her that the Bishop said that Mrs. B[issell] was a good woman but he wished she was a Catholic—and the girl then asked Mrs. B[issell] if she would not read some of the Bishop's books if he would send them to her. It is plain that this idea could not have originated in the mind of this ignorant woman, but must have been suggested to her by the Bishop.

The Bishop calls on Mrs. B[issell] and always wishes to see the children. Jno. Foley is a clerk with Mr. Bissell, a very steady and upright youth, and [in] religion [is a] Papist. Mr. Evans' [family] are natives of Ware [Weare] N[ew] Hampshire; were clerks with Mr. Bissell.

On my return called on Mr. Carson and Foley who live on the East side of Flint Hill. Mrs. Foley was by birth a Protestant, but now a bigoted Papist.

Called on Mr. Montague, native of Vermont, raised in Westhampton, Mass., moved to Chautauqua Co. N[ew] York, [is the] brother in law of Mr. Palmer at Andrew. A Baptist, good man—seems interested in advancement of society—has considerable self-esteem and knows as much as anyone.

Sept. 26. Visited yesterday Mr. David Young, a pleasant visit. John, the oldest boy was aged 15 in Feb. last. The excessive rains and freshet this season have hindered Mr. Young in building his mill. The water was at one time all over the bottom on which his house is built and to the middle of the lower story of his mill. Mr. Elwood, a Methodist from Pennsylvania, carpenter, is working there; an intelligent young man.

Mr. Buck is a very amiable and interesting young man. His father in Pennsylvania [is] a very pious man in the Presbyterian church (N[ew] S[chool]). The young man is a hatter by trade [and] has a claim West of Gen. Cabbage's. Mr. Young has a brother John, a smart man, eloquent speaker, warm-hearted abolitionist [who] desires to come West. Of a similar character is Mr. Davidson (in Ohio) a brother of Mrs. Young.

Mr. Whittemore preached here (Deacon Cotton's) last evening on Christmas Character, [from] II Cor. 5:17.¹⁰⁴ His sermon was neatly and systematically prepared and in good taste.

Sept. 28. Finished yesterday a sermon calculated for the latitude of our General Association. It is the first sermon I have written out since I came West. I notice the effects of my habit here in the carelessness of my style. Modes of expression which a year ago I would not have tolerated, now are spontaneously put on my paper. Still I experienced some gratification when the task was completed.

Brighton, Washington Co., I. T., Oct. 4, 1844. Mr. Whittemore preached for me last Sabbath at Andrew. An attendance of 40. Monday, Sept. 30, left Maquoketa for meeting of General Association at this place. Came by way of Alger's Ferry, Allen's Grove, Hickory Grove, (in the South end of which spent the night with Mr. Porter, member of Baptist Church in Davenport, from Muskingum Co., Ohio, an intelligent inquiring Christian. His sister was seriously injured in the hurricane in June; the house (Mr. Baker's) she was in being blown down), and Blue Grass Point and Bloomington, where [I] enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Robbins. Bloomington is improving, much building going on. A meeting house for Br. Robbins' congregation [is] going up at [a] cost of 900 dollars; was introduced to Mr. Brownell. Wednesday morning (Oct. 2) started in company with Brs. Robbins and Hitchcock for this place; came by way of Fredonia, Columbus City, Louisa Co., and Washington. Mr. Lucas, delegate of the church in Bloomington, came along; [he is] from Ohio, an intelligent and active Christian.

Fredonia is at the forks of the Cedar and Iowa rivers—where is [a] steam saw mill and ferry. Columbus City is two miles below on [the] prairie—a few good dwelling houses, but no trade, nothing to build up a town. Washington, the county seat of this county, is a pleasant

¹⁰⁴II Corinthians 5:17. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

prairie town. The Court was in session, became acquainted with Judge Williams,¹⁰⁵ a very sociable, companionable man, full of talk—of very little dignity of character, polite and gentlemanly. I should judge had a good mind, and clear discernment of the relations of things. Was introduced to Mr. Hall,¹⁰⁶ lawyer of Mt. Pleasant, self-educated man, of no religious character, of high standing in his profession, a delegate to Convention for forming a State Constitution, [I] reached this place Thursday Oct 3 at 9½ A. M. when found many of my brethren assembled. Br. Gaylord [is the] Moderator of this Association. Resolutions were adopted on Sabbath School Libraries, Slavery, the Sabbath, the Political destinies of Christians, the establishment of a newspaper (to advocate the cause of Morality, Freedom, Education, Religion, etc.), and on the Bible cause.

An interesting discussion was held on withdrawing Church fellowship from slaveholders. Brs. J. A. Reed and Spaulding and Julius Field (agent of A[merican] Bible Society) [were] against such action.

Oct. 5. Reports of the state of religion were attended to. 120 members in Church at Denmark, where [they] are erecting a brick meeting house. Br. A. Turner reported the death of Mr. Abner Kneeland of fever about four weeks ago. Mr. Houghton riding by with his wife one afternoon called at Mr. K's—went in, and tho told that Mr. K. was doing pretty well, found his extremities already cold. He seemed to be in [an] unconscious stupor altho on being aroused he recognized those around him. He died early the next morning. The Secretary of Mr. K. died about two years ago (Mr. Twombie), swearing and praying by turns on his death bed.

The infidel influence in Washington is declining. Mr. Sturges, the delegate of the Church there, is an interesting and intelligent young man, was a member of Wabash College with Mr. Flathers; has taught school. Mr. White,

¹⁰⁵Joseph Williams, associate judge of the Supreme Court, *Vide* Edward H. Stiles, *Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa* (1916), pp. 37-45.

¹⁰⁶Jonathan C. Hall, together with four other delegates, attended the Constitutional Convention in Iowa City from October 1 to November 1, 1844.

delegate of [the] C[hurch] at Louisville, County seat of Wapello Co., [a] native of Amherst, Mass., lived at Alton and acquainted with Br. E. B. Turner, expects to teach a school this winter. [He is] an intelligent, gentlemanly man.

Br. Spaulding reports a Fourier Association on the Des Moines in Mahaska Co. among whom he has preached once or twice.

Eddyville is the largest settlement in Wapello Co. where [there] is a neat meeting house erected by one man for any and all denominations. Mr. Woodworth of [the] C[hurch] at Crawfordsville, a decided Anti Slavery man, from Warren Co., N[ew] York, where [he] was acquainted with the Wrights at Maquoketa.

Only one half of our Andover Company viz. E. Adams, Lane, Robbins, Spaulding, and myself are present.

Br. Jagger,—[a] native of Southampton, Long Island, his daughter, who has unfortunately lost her reason, the wife of Br. Burnham,—of [the] Danville C[hurch] [is] a warm hearted Christian, and a brother of Rev. Mr. Gaylord, [a] native of Norfolk, Conn't. of church under [the] care of Dr. Emerson, now of Andover. Yesterday afternoon there was a Council held called for [the] installation of Br. Burnham¹⁰⁷ over the Church here. Br. B[urnham], converted in 1827, makes a faithful minister.

On the subject of a newspaper I thought one of a religious character to be sustained by our people in Wisconsin, Northern Illinois and Iowa desirable and feasible. But our brethren think we must have one peculiarly for Iowa and of a more general character, tho I doubt its success.

[The] Iowa College Association met and Rev. A. Turner, Agent, presented his report. In Boston he met with the friends of the Society for promoting Collegiate and theological education in the West who advised the abandonment of the plan for establishing a College by a Colony and lands, and the concentrating effort at some important

¹⁰⁷Rev. Charles Burnham.

point. The friends of that Society assured our Agent of its patronage so soon as we had started things in a proper train. Our College Association appointed E. Adams, A. Turner, and Boal a Committee on location.

Have enjoyed here the hospitalities of Mr. Washborn.¹⁰⁸ Mrs. W[ashborn] a very pleasant woman, member of the Church here, has two boys, about 15. Mr. Beach, Mrs. Waters, Mr. Hart, Moore, Bushnell and Ingham are interesting families in the Church.

Cottonville, Oct. 15. On return from [the] General Association came thro Washington and attended (Oct. 8) [the] first Annual Meeting of the Iowa Anti Slavery Society. Aaron Street, Jr.,¹⁰⁹ President, of Salem, a Quaker, of plain unassuming manners, [and] Wm. Lewelling,¹¹⁰ Recording Secretary. Mr. Jessup, Assistant Secretary, both of Salem. Mr. Vincent,¹¹¹ minister of Seceder Church in Washington, of prepossessing appearance, an able preacher, Mr. Anderson, member of Seceder Church lives ¼ mile north of town. Mr. Bales, Quaker, from vicinity of Indianapolis, was present. There seemed to be the prospect of a harmonious and serviceable meeting.

Came over dreary prairie to Iowa city (30 miles) crossing English river at McClun's mill. Called on Br. Woods¹¹² and took dinner. Attended session of the Convention for forming a Constitution. Mr. Leffler¹¹³ of Burlington presided with dignity and fairness, but few old men in the Convention. A large majority voted to lay on the table a resolution for having the meetings opened with prayer. There are some competent men in the Convention but the greater number are ignorant and poorly qualified.

Came up on the Military Road to Cascade (60 miles) where [I] addressed the Temperance Society and came

¹⁰⁸L. G. Washborn, and wife, Elizabeth.

¹⁰⁹Aaron Street, Jr., in March 1839 helped lay out the village of Salem and was the first postmaster.

¹¹⁰Also a Quaker.

¹¹¹Rev. George C. Vincent, *Vide* Union Historical Company, *The History of Washington County, Iowa* (1880), p. 433.

¹¹²Dr. W. W. Wood of the New School Presbyterian Church.

¹¹³Shepherd Leffler. For Biographical sketch, *vide* Stiles, *op. cit.* p. 119.

to Maquoketa by way of South Fork Mill where called on Mr. Cook's family.

Found Br. Woods at Iowa city very favorable to a union of Presbyterians and Congregationalists in Northern Iowa. Became acquainted there with Mr. Andrews, a young Scotchman, tailor, intelligent, warm hearted, Anti Slavery.

Association passed a vote requesting Gov. Chambers to appoint a day of thanksgiving, and in case he should not appoint one, designating the last Thursday in December a day of thanksgiving. Association appointed me delegate to General Convention of Wisconsin and Br. Hitchcock [as] substitute. A. Turner, E. Adams, and Salter were appointed to correspond with A. H. M. S. and desire the appointment of Rev. J. S. Clark (in case Mr. C. would consent) their agent in Iowa.

Oct. 18. It has snowed nearly all day—very cold for this season.

Oct. 30. The Northern Iowa Association met at Cascade Oct. 23d. In consequence of the non attendance of Dr. Woods nothing was done in relation to a union of Pres. and Cong. in Northern Iowa. Mr. Philip Bevan¹¹⁴ of Charleston was licensed to preach for six months. [The] 24th inst. came by Romish Church in the Irish settlement to Mr. Alexander's on Lytell's creek. Saw Mr. Brown, a young man from North of Ireland, where [he] was raised in a Presbyterian Church, seems a good man, and is desirous of uniting with this Church.

With Br. Asa Turner commenced three days meeting on Friday evening at Andrew. People gave good attendance. Mr. Young and family and Mrs. Margaret Means united with the church. Mrs. Bradley,¹¹⁵ Caroline Davis, Gloriana Butterworth,¹¹⁶ Sarah Ann Cotton, Jerusha Hadley, Mr. Palmer's daughter and Robert Reed expressed themselves determined to serve the Lord. There was much feeling in the congregation.

¹¹⁴Vide Philip D. Jordan, "Philip Bevan—Minor Poet of Ohio," in *The Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*, for April 1931.

¹¹⁵Mrs. Philip P. Bradley. Vide Western Historical Company, *The History of Jackson County, Iowa* (1879), p. 725.

¹¹⁶Perhaps Nathaniel Butterworth.

Sabbath afternoon I rode to see Mr. Rice but the Doctor (Clark)¹¹⁷ and *his* friends were unwilling that my conversation should be held with him, and yesterday I learned that he died on Monday morning. He had been a member of [the] Methodist Church in the East, became careless and worldly and here had thrown off the restraints of religion. Six Sabbaths ago I met him with Mr. Cheney's boys as I was riding to meeting from Deacon Cotton's to Andrew. I invited them to go to meeting with me but they replied they were going to meeting at Montague's. I learned afterwards that they went to gather hickory nuts and that Rice in throwing a club into the tree strained himself and was seized with a pain in his side. He afterwards exposed himself, was laid upon a sick bed and is dead. Dr. calls his disease an ulceration of the liver.

Have enjoyed very much the visit of Br. Turner. Familiar acquaintance with him has increased my appreciation of his work.

Nov. 16. Visited Br. Holbrook this week who returned [on] 8th inst. from the East, he raised some 800 dollars for the Church in Dubuque, expenses about 150 dollars. He has a call to settle with Ch[urch] at Mineral Point, the A. H. M. S. advise his remaining in Dubuque.

Dec. 4. We had four days [of] cold weather commencing on the 23rd November. Have observed Monthly Concert and much interest has been manifested; have sustained for the past few weeks a weekly praying meeting.

The land sales advertised for January next are causing much excitement. Settlers are clubbing together to protect one another in claim of half a section; if they make out in this the effect will be to keep out settlers and prevent, or postpone the time of a good settlement. Rev. Horace Eaton, Baptist, aged 33, from N[ew] Hampshire, studied at N. Hampton Baptist Seminary, has preached in Bedford, N. H., came into this neighborhood

¹¹⁷Dr. M. H. Clark, said to be the first resident physician of Andrew.

last month, of pleasant manners [and] solid substantial character, [has] been three years in the ministry.

Dec. 13. Observed yesterday as a day of national Thanksgiving, according to recommendation of Gov. Chambers.¹¹⁸

In Bellevue became acquainted with Mr. Trott, a descendant on his mother's side from Gov. Winslow, from Boston, (where attended Old South Church) and N[ew] York where was member [for] eight years of Central Presbyterian Church. An active intelligent man and may become a useful one. Mrs. Trott, an intelligent lady, daughter of Mr. Whitney, keeper of public house at Niagara Falls. She is a Universalist. Is rather close and I fear will not be popular in the west.

Visited Dec. 21st Mr. Harris on Farmer's creek. He was a native of Bridgton, N[ew] Jersey. His mother an Episcopalian. [He] has lived in Missouri and near Galena, came into this country in the fall of 1834 and settled on what is now Mr. Boone's claim. Indians were thick, he had no neighbor nearer than Mr. Baker one mile from Bellevue. Mr. Harris and Mr. J. S. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Potter are elders in their Church. They have over one hundred members. Mr. Harris seems to have much of the spirit of Christianity, a kind disposition, an active inquiring mind, preaches every Sabbath.

Jan. 8, 1845. The Maquoketa Temperance Society held its annual meetings Jan. 1. It now embraces about 100 members, [with] H. G. Haskell, President, W[illiam] S[alter], Secretary. It was voted to petition the County Commissioners to grant no license for a grocery for any sum less than one hundred dollars as authorized by law. I circulated a petition of a similar character about Andrew and got some fifty subscribers. The grocery keepers were offended thinking their craft in danger and have got up a remonstrance.

A Baptist Ch[urch] was organized at Andrew [on] January 5 by Rev. H. Eaton consisting of nine members. Deacon Montague and wife, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Knapp,

¹¹⁸Vide Shambaugh, *op. cit.* 1: 309-310.

Mr. Franklin, Mr. Mark and three others. Mr. Harding was present, [who is] a Baptist Preacher who lives S. W. of Bellevue.

[On] Jan. 6 a meeting was held at Andrew of citizens of the county for the protection of one another of claims of half-sections of land until 1848. There was a large collection of people and a deep interest manifested in securing possession of their lands.

Jan. 19. There has been great excitement thro the county the past week. Many of the settlers were on the road or about being on the road for Dubuque, but on Tuesday news came that the land sales were indefinitely postponed. Many are disappointed, some are glad. I regret the postponement because the excitement will all have to be gone over with again, the settlement and improvement of the country will be retarded.

Feb. 5. Visited Mrs. Reed (Mrs. Van Horn). She married last summer, and being disappointed, I fear, and sick, her mind has lost its proper balance. Very melancholy case. Visited in the Buckeye settlement. They have a good school there this winter taught by Mr. Hunter from Cortland Co. N[ew] York, who is a Methodist. His parents [are] O[ld] S[chool] Presbyterians and live up Deep creek. There are ten schools kept in Jackson Co. this winter. Visited Mrs. McFarland who is living in Jno. Jonas' house on Copper creek at his diggings. She was [a] member of [the] O[ld] S[chool] Pres[byterian] Ch[urch] in Alleghany Co. Penn.

On the Prairie six miles beyond Dunham's visited Mr. Hull from Jackson Co., Mich., and from Vermont, and his son in law Mr. Richardson. There will probably be a settlement about them on the head of Sugar creek in a few years. Mr. H[ull] was brought up among Congregationalists and desires to have meetings.

Visited Cascade last week. Found Br. Turner rejoicing in the conversion of sinners. This work commenced on Whitewater where was a powerful awakening. The revival obtained on Bowen's prairie, but none in town were converted, tho there were cases of awakening. Br.

Holbrook's preaching was in power. Two Mr. Pate and wives, Mr. McGinty and Mrs. Boyd united with the Church on profession. Mr. McG[inty] promises to be a stable, useful man. Mrs. Jerusha Jackson united with the Ch[urch] by letter from [the] Ch[urch] in Dubuque. She was [a] member of Brainerd Ch[urch], N[ew] York, a lovely woman, bright, intelligent, and of apparently living piety. Mr. Jackson [is] a pleasant affable Kentuckian. They live on the South Fork in Delaware Co.—fifteen miles from Cascade. Mr. J[ackson] says there is a good chance for a large settlement about them, there being timber and water power.

Mrs. Leek united by letter from [a] Ch[urch] in Ann Arbor, Mich. She is a sister of Mr. W. S. Brown, lately of Andrew and Judge of Probate of this county. Mr. Leek is a very wicked man.

Mr. Livingston of Upper Scotch Settlement from [the] Red river froze to death on [the] prairie Friday last, above Cascade. He was of intemperate habits.

Came home yesterday by way of Saw Mill where they are doing considerable business and about laying off a town to be called "Canton".

Br. Turner cautioned me against some blunders of rhetoric and elocution into which I have fallen; Oh tempora! O mores!

Feb. 27. Bishop Loras of Dubuque told Mr. Hubbell of Charleston that if he would give his son who is idiotic in mind and helpless in body, aged 10, to the Church he would cure him but that if he should take him away from the Church his disease would return. How disgraceful [is] the attempt to promote superstition in this 19th century.

Visited [on] Feb. 10 Mr. Gray at Savannah. He came there last fall, was a member of Genesee Presbytery, N[ew] York. Was opposed to ecclesiastical action again Oberlinism, for which was regarded by some as a Perfectionists; is Anti Slavery; [and] has lectured on Temperance with Sewell's plates; says that Dr. Lord when in N[ew] S[chool] Presbytery was the leader of action

against Oberlinism. Mr. G[ray's] health is rather feeble. His wife [is] a pleasant lady. Prospect at Savannah is not very encouraging.

Mr. Bevan at Charleston thinks of studying entirely, and of moving into town which Br. Emerson recommends.

The ice went out of the Mississippi at Charleston [on] Feb. 19th.

Deacon J. Jenney called on me this morning. He is [a] member of Br. Adam's Ch[urch] in Davenport, was from Chester, Vermont. An intelligent man. Apparently of sterling character.

March 1. The past has been a very mild winter, but few cold days—no snow of any consequence. It was predicted last fall from the number of bears that it would be a cold winter.

The following schools have been kept in this county this winter, at Maquoketa by Mr. White and Mr. Steen,¹¹⁹ in [the] South Settlement by Mr. Mears, Burleson's S[chool] H[ouse] by Mr. Davis, Copper creek by Mr. Hunter, Charleston by Mr. McIntyre, Bellevue by Mr. Anson Herrington, Andrew by Mr. Hindmann, Farmer's creek by Mr. Tyson, in the Forks by Macaulay, Germain's S[chool] H[ouse] by Mr. Whittemore, ten schools.

The first steamboat at Dubuque this season was thru March 1st.

March 20. Visited Br. Holbrook last week. There is a little interest in a few minds in the claims of religion. He expected Rev. Z. Eddy of Mineral P't to preach for him this week. His church is about erecting a house of worship at [a] cost of 2000 dollars—came here [on the] 15th thro a snowstorm as far as Deacon Cotton's—rode to Dewitt last Sabbath morning, administered the ordinance of Baptism to Mrs. Frances Work [and] returned yesterday which was a very severe and blustering day.

March 24. On Thursday last after attending the funeral of Mr. Marshall, a messenger came from Bellevue informing me of the death of Mrs. Jennings. Mrs.

¹¹⁹Mr. Steen was disliked and taught only about a month.

J[ennings] was from Burlington, Vermont, aged 22 in July last. She came here in Nov. 1843 in the bloom of health. She possessed a fine person, an intelligent mind, a kind heart and engaging manners. She was lovely and pleasant in her life. She was an affectionate wife. There were but few females in the county I esteemed more highly. She felt much interested in and sympathized with my efforts. She gave promise of leading a useful life. But God has called her into the eternal world. She left a little son now three months old. She died of general debility. She suffered from ague and fever last fall, took cold after her confinement and gradually sunk away. Her friends and myself thought she would recruit with the return of warm weather; but God destroyeth the hopes of man. The Doctor's loss is very great and Bellevue seems to hold but little of any worth now that she is taken away. I saw her about the middle of February. We came into this County about the same time. She is taken, I am left.

March. 28. Attended Mr. Howe's funeral at Bellevue yesterday. He was present at Mrs. Jennings's funeral on Friday last and seemed as fair to live as any one present. He was a man of bad habits which had subjected him to attacks of pleurisy. This was his fourth attack. He was under the influence of liquor when attacked. By nature he was a kind, clever, smart man, but [he] destroyed his property and character by intemperance. He left a wife and two small children.

April 8. Visited Tete Des Morts [on] March 31st. Called at Stevens; Mrs. S[tevens], a daughter of Cheney, says she is a Restorationist; a conceited woman. Had an interesting conversation with Mr. Potter. He seems to be converted, is naturally diffident; he engaged in prayer. His two boys, Nelson and Philip, need education. Visited Mr. Milne, brought up in Ch[urch] of England, his wife formerly a Methodist, but now disaffected, [and also visited] Mr. Brown's and Kelley's family. Mr. K[elley] recently lost his only boy. His children have all been sick with scarlet fever. Mrs. K[elley]

[is] a sister of Mr. Potter. Mrs. P[otter] [is] from Floyd, Oneida Co., N[ew] York. [I] visited Galena [on the] 2nd inst. when [I] gave [a] lecture on Education—made the acquaintance of Mr. Geo. F. Magoun¹²⁰ from Bath, Maine, graduate of Bowdoin, studied Theology at Andover and N[ew] Haven. Mr. M[agoun] has made himself well acquainted in the cause of Education and is enthusiastically interested in its advancement, is a man of warm, ardent feelings, clear understanding, benevolent soul and Christian affections—a great addition to our moral and religious influence in this region. I trust Divine Providence will open a wide door of usefulness to him. [I] became acquainted with Mr. French, a gentlemanly, intelligent Frenchman, has been engaged in Teaching 30 years. A Catholic—says the Romanists would rather not have the Bible read in schools, because it will be making it too common a book, but that if the Bible be in schools that the children read the Douay version. Mr. French is an exceedingly polite gentleman. I shall be glad to prosecute his acquaintance.

Took tea with Mr. Bitter in Galena. He is a native of Saco, Maine, and owns town property at Bellevue, [and he] desires [the] establishment of a Congregational Church there, for which [he] offers to give a lot for House of worship.

April 14. The last month has been very dry and pleasant, no rain for four weeks, fine showers this afternoon.

Alonzo Spaulding has I trust been lately brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. He appears humble and prayerful and determined to live as becomes a child of God. The name of the Lord be praised.

April 17. Mr. Barnett has been in to see me this evening—raised in Washington Co., Vermont, near Montpelier, aged 26, thinks he was converted seven years ago and united with Methodist Church in which [he] was brought up; is a serious minded industrious young man, lived in Apple River diggings some months, came into

¹²⁰Rev. George F. Magoun, author of *Asa Turner and His Times*, Vide Douglass, *op. cit. passim*.

this neighborhood last fall. He gives promise of usefulness.

April 21. Visited Sabbath School in South Settlement yesterday afternoon, 36 scholars present, a pressing want of Teachers.

May 3. Visited [the] 1st instant a mill site three (2½) miles below Doane's, where on [the] South side of Maquoketa the bluff comes to the river and on the north side there is a bank four feet above highest water, in company with Gen. McDonald and Thos. Cox. [It will take] considerable labor to put in a secure dam. There is a large body of iron ore two miles north near Watkins. Mr. Watkins was raised near Richmond, Virginia, lived in West long; at St. Charles, Missouri; drinks badly at times.

May 5. Yesterday [was] a very beautiful Sabbath; [and I] had a congregation of 60 in the morning. An Educational meeting this evening which was addressed by Mr. Decatur.

May 10. Northern Iowa Association met at Albany, Whiteside Co., Illinois, 6th inst.—a very interesting and profitable meeting. In crossing the Mississippi [we] were in imminent peril of being drowned in consequence of high winds and waves and leaky boat. If it had not been [for] the Lord who was on our side we should have dwelt in silence. Br. A. B. Hitchcock makes a good business moderator. Became acquainted with Mr. Smith of Lyndon, was from Otsego Co., N[ew] York and Oberlin; a plain, practical, common sense, clear mind, an interesting speaker, rather opinionated.

May 29. Returned last evening from a missionary tour round the county, visited twenty-five families.

Mrs. Forbes on Brush creek, one mile from Andrew, has a brother, Mr. Trowbridge, a Baptist minister settled at Beloit, W[isconsin] T[erritory]. She was brought up in [the] Pres[byterian] Church. Mr. T[rowbridge], a native of Vermont, [was] one of the earliest settlers in [the] neighborhood of Chicago.

Mr. Trott, in digging a cellar by [the] side of his store

in Bellevue, struck upon a skeleton. The teeth were in a good state of preservation.

Mr. Rudolph's mother on Brush creek is entirely blind. She lost the use of one eye some thirteen years ago and of the other five years ago, is 63 years old, [and] a native of Germany. His wife is [a] member of Seceder Church, and was in childhood at school with Mr. Vincent.

Mr. Vaughn, [is a] native of Virginia, [and] his wife of East Tennessee, [and] neither of them can read, have no Bible.

June 2. I had yesterday in the afternoon a very interesting union meeting of the three Sabbath Schools (the one at Mr. Doane's, this place, and Bloomfield) at Mr. Sam'l Wrights. There were 111 scholars present. They were generally attentive and seemed interested. The meeting was a very encouraging one. There were altogether about 200 persons present. I preached on the 5th commandment. Presents were distributed to the children.

June 4. Visited yesterday afternoon the site of an Indian village or council fire on the south bank of the Maquoketa $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile below the mouth of Mill creek—situated on a high level bank. Saw a number of holes probably used for burying corn, there were indications that fire had been in one of the holes as there were cinders on its sides. Mr. Decatur supposed that the Indians had used these holes for baking, thus making a fire on stones and then baking their meat upon the hot stones as in an oven. We picked up a stone cut very much in the shape of a large axe. There were a number of cedar posts in the ground placed so as to make a triangle thus

. . . in which mayhap some important council was
once held. The burnt stones at one side showed us where the fire had been. There are also indications of an Indian town on the other side of the river. How few memorials the savage leaves behind him.

Detroit, Michigan, June 21, 1845. Left Deacon Cot-

ton's on my route hither June 11th. At Galena fell in with Rev. S. [or L?] H. Hayes of Frankfort, Maine, with whom I was formerly acquainted at Bangor. He is of of amiable disposition, clear and tasteful mind, and warm heart. It was good to meet an old friend in that new world. Also [fell in] with Rev. S. Thurston, Searsport, Me., where he has been settled 20 years, a warm hearted, kind feeling man, an easy fluent writer and speaker, and with Rev. Wm. Atwater of Middlebury, Conn't, a good sober man. Their Company was very delightful and entertaining besides relieving the tedium of traveling. At Chicago became acquainted with Rev. R. W. Patterson, has a smirk on his face, a man of clear logical mind, decided in his Presbyterian preferences. Had a very pleasant company on the voyage from Chicago to this place. Dr. Lindsley preached one evening, and one evening we had Educational addresses. Rev. T. M. Hopkins of Racine, W[isconsin] T[erritory] has many correct views, is opinionated, remarked to me that he thought the Convention in Wisconsin would, as the country grew, resolve themselves into their original distinctive organizations. The subject of establishing a religious paper at Chicago under [the] care of Rev. Mr. Walker (formerly of the Watchman of the Valley, and of the Hudson Observer) was discussed. The general feeling is that such a paper is needed and might be sustained.

I am generally pleased with the deliberations of the Convention. Rev. A. T. Hopkins is one of the most promising men, he is aged 40, heard him preach, has an animated style, rapid delivery, he is much interested in and properly awake to the cause of academical education in the West. Dr. Lindsley of Marietta College is of lovely spirit, a prudent practical mind. Dr. Beecher is full of courage and hope. Prof. Stowe is rather dogmatic, a man of wonderful activity and energy. Dr. Beman has got a hobby in his hymn book, "The Church Psalmist" on the merits of which he dilated before the Convention, in very bad taste, as I thought. He is a most accomplished

Christian minister of dignity and grace in style and manners, of remarkably well balanced mind on all subjects but that of his hymn book. Mr. Basset and Mr. Backus made some rather injudicious remarks on slavery, and yet I could hardly blame their intemperate expressions on so dreadful an evil. Mr. Blanchard¹²¹ of Cincinnati is a promising man—he is one of the foremost in the Anti Slavery enterprise, is an earnest enthusiastic speaker. Mr. Hallock, Superintendent of the Sabbath School in [the] Pres[byterian] Ch[urch] of Detroit, [is] an excellent devoted man, has been the superintendent for many years. [I] met with Mrs. Raymond, daughter of Capt. Nash of Norwalk, Conn't, and her mother.

Enjoyed in Detroit the hospitality of Mr. King's family. Mrs. K[ing] [is] an affectionate kind lady. The little daughter Jane [is] an interesting child.

In Buffalo [I] visited in Mr. Hopkin's family. Miss Jane Brush is affianced to Br. Turner. She possesses a cultivated mind, an amiable disposition, excellent judgment and warm heart and unites many excellent qualities in her character. She promises to be an inestimable blessing to Br. T[urner] and to our moral and religious strength in Iowa. In Albany [I] called on Miss Stone, [a] cousin of Miss Brush.

N[ew] York. [I] arrived home Wednesday morning, July 2. Found all well and desire to be grateful to the Great Preserver of Men.

Nov. 12, 1845. Visited Mr. Smith (his wife an aunt of Calvin Davis) who is living in Mr. Flather's house. Mr. and Mrs. S[mith] were members of a Congregational Church in Wolcott, Vermont, in a neighborhood burnt over with Millerism.

Dec. 3. Visited this week Mrs. Macloy, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Haines, Mr. Nimms, Mr. Estabrook.

Nov. 1, 1845. The subscription for me at Andrew

¹²¹Rev. Jonathan Blanchard (1811-1892) was graduated from Middlebury College in 1832, taught at Plattsburg Academy, studied at Andover and Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati. In 1838 he was ordained pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church there, and in 1845 he was elected president of Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois, and in 1860 became president of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. He was a strong temperance advocate and a violent abolitionist. *Vide Dictionary of American Biography.*

amounts to \$35—at Makoqueta to \$54.50. The two Churches ask for me from the A. H. M. S. \$310.50. The Application [was] forwarded to Br. Reed [on] Dec. 29th.

Jan. 1, 1846. I preached 146 sermons the last year, 10 of them funeral sermons.

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